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CJC head chides community for its apathetic attitude regarding racist attacks

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
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TORONTO —
The national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress chided the Jewish community here last week for its silence in the face of what he called "the rising tide of racism" in Toronto.

Sydney Harris, speaking at a press conference expressly arranged for members of the Jewish press, told reporters and editors that he is concerned about the apathetic attitude the community has displayed to date regarding the spate of anti-Black and anti-Oriental racial outbursts.

Speaking at CJC headquarters in the heart of the old Jewish ghetto, Harris criticized the community for being silent, and suggested that "Jews should wake up" from their complacent slumber.

Harris, who described himself as a president who does not "keep quiet all of the time," as well as a strong civil libertarian, addressed himself to a wide variety of subjects in the course of his 70-minute news conference. In addition to lashing out against racism, Harris lambasted the recent Buddy Hackett "Salute to Israel" show; excoriated the anticipated PLO presence at a UN congress to be held here in September and told of the achievements CJC has accomplished in the year he has been national president of the communal body.

In an interview following the press conference, Harris said that, with the exception of Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple, he cannot recall any person in the community who has recently spoken out against burgeoning racism in Toronto. Asked to explain the community's silence, he remarked: I'm afraid our Jewish community doesn't see anything but anti-Jewish or anti-Israel prejudice. We don't get excited about anti-Black or anti-Oriental prejudice."

He added: "It is a shocking and wrong opinion. We owe it to ourselves to fight prejudice ...Fascism is fascism."

Referring to the racist Western Guard Party, whose activities range from daubing walls with inflammatory slogans to demonstrating for Anglo-Saxon predominance, Harris said current anti-hate legislation is incapable of stopping them. "They are careful to keep within the letter of the law," he said, "and in other cases where the law has been breached they have not been caught."

Harris confessed he does not have any "answers as to how to control" the Western Guard.

A reporter asked him why CJC has been so quiet on the racial question. Harris stated that the Community Relations Committee "will have to look into it." Speaking personally, Harris added: "I hope Congress takes a public stand on it."

He said the coalition between Blacks and Jews here should continue to function. "Their cause is our cause, or we will go when they go... I am solidly in favor of strengthening the coalition."

Ben Kayfetz, executive director of Congress' Central Region, disclosed there have been Black-Jewish meetings on a vast array of subjects. He said extremists voicing anti-Israel sentiments do not represent the Black community.

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Victims of Nazis to register for claims

By GERARD FRIEDMAN

MONTREAL —
Jewish Nazi victims who left their homes in East European countries after Dec. 31, 1965, will be permitted to register for personal indemnification, says Dr. John Stahr, executive director of the United Restitution Organization.

Dr. Stahr explained the world foundation will be established to deal with these specific claims.

Although not yet certain where the foundation will be located, Stahr says that officials are considering Zurich, or Frankfurt, where the United Restitution Organization presently has offices.

This Restitution Foundation will study each case and will have competent legal advisors at its disposal.

"The East German government is expected to offer a lump sum of money which will be distributed to claimants, after their case has been examined by the organization's legal advisors," said Dr. Stahr.

The foundation will set up rules. The amount each person might receive will be evaluated after the foundation sets regulations and when the number of applicants is known.

The East Germans have fought any attempt by the Jewish organization to change this law.

A law is expected to be passed in the German Parliament which will make these decisions official. The conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany is involved in this process, Dr. Stahr added.

In Feb., 1974, The United Restitution Organization celebrated its 20th anniversary. The organization came into existence in 1948, when the URO was established in London by the Council of Jews from Germany to act as an international claims agency.

After the first unified indemnification law of Oct., 1953 was passed by the German Federal Republic, offices were established all over the world.

The URO also assisted newcomers, permitting them to present their claims without having to pay huge lawyers fees. According to Dr. Stahr, the indemnification law is highly complicated and few lawyers are conversant with the regulations.

Dr. Stahr pointed out that the new post-war generation in Germany no longer feels guilty for crimes committed by the previous generations: "German authorities have become inured to the idea of moral responsibility for the crimes committed by the Nazis and are handling claims in a way which reflects this change of attitude towards indemnifications."

THE ANGELS REALLY FLY!

Zahava Angel, who has been an El Al hostess for almost 20 years, is also the mother of Rachel, 21, who, until she gave birth to a son recently, was a stewardess on the Israeli airline. The Angels look like sisters. Zahava misses her daughter on airline flights and hopes to be reunited with her when the grandson is older.

Outpouring of grief marks dramatic passing of Shmaryah Reichmann

By MEIR GOTTESMAN

Young cheder boys with long side-curls swayed as they recited the Psalms, and black-coated Chassidim in knicker-pants mingled with businessmen, students, leading Toronto rabbis, and hundreds of plain folks. Women dressed in traditional sheitlech wigs stood separately, lining the nearby sidewalks.

The crowd gathered last Sunday at the little sidestreet near Bathurst and Lawrence to pay final tribute to Reb Shmaryah (Samuel) Reichmann, the Hungarian-born immigrant whose vast fortune, worldwide philanthropy and strict adherence to Jewish tradition earned him world-wide renown bordering on awe.

Reichmann, 77 was chairman and founder of Olympia and York Developments Ltd.

The funeral followed a dramatic Shavuoth holiday which saw a long-awaited family celebration suddenly eclipsed by the sudden passing. Reichmann had planned to dedicate a new sefer torah to the Shomrei Emunah Congregation on Lawrence Avenue. Following tradition, two torahs were carried from the synagogue, to meet under the chupah with the new torah that was being carried from Reichmann's home on Dalemount. As the new and old torahs met, Reichmann collapsed into the arms of friends.

The circumstances of Reichmann's passing were not lost on his mourners. As the simple coffin was being carried from the family home, the crowd of more than a thousand squeezed into the same narrow, fence-lined path where he had fallen, and a Kayl Moleh prayer was recited on the very spot.

Shmaryah Reichmann

"The last mitzvah in the torah is to write and dedicate a sefer torah," Rabbi Lipa Vechter, one of the eulogists, observed. "Reb Shmaryah was not ready to leave this world until he had fulfilled all the commandments."

Rabbi Alexander Unsdorfer of Montreal, referring to the family's great business success, recalled that Reb Shmaryah's father, Rabbi David Reichmann, had been a poor scholar who spent all his days in study. One Friday there was nothing to prepare for the Sabbath, and his father asked young Shmaryah to earn some money. When the son returned a few hours later with enough to fill the family's need, his father blessed him that he should succeed in business. "It is from the blessing of his saintly father that the son succeeded," the rabbi said.

It was pointed out at the eulogy that Reichmann had struggled to raise his children in the chassidic manner, even during difficult family wanderings from country to country. Not far from the coffin, a number of Reichmann grandchildren, all with traditional **payot**, listened intensely to the speakers.

The procession moved by foot from the Lawrence Avenue synagogue to Bathurst and Caribou, where a prayer was said at the Kollel — the Institute for Advanced Talmudic Study. Yet another prayer was recited at the Beth Jacob Elementary School. All three institutions were heavily supported by Reichmann and his family.

"Why are we stopping so often?" someone asked. "Where Reb Shmaryah performed a mitzvah, they stop to acknowledge his deed," a young rabbinical student answered. "Then they'll have to stop around the world," the man responded.

At the cemetery, a rare ceremony took place. A human chain was formed around the coffin, which was held aloft, and was circled seven times while special prayers were recited. During each circuit, coins were thrown into an open charity box. High above, noisy jets roared on their inexorable way, but below, for a few brief minutes time stood still, and tradition legend came alive and laughed at the clock.

He leaves his wife, Renee, daughter Eva Heller of London, and sons Paul, Ralph and Albert of Toronto, Edward of Israel and Louis of New York.

New merger plans are being considered

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO —
A new set of proposals for the structure of the Toronto Jewish Congress is being debated within the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.

Officers of both groups have approved the proposed organizational structure. The next stage the proposals have to pass through is the executive committee level, and then the Regional Council of the CJC and the board of directors of the UJWF.

Some officers of the two bodies met twice to discuss the proposals of David Satok, national vice-president of Congress. He emerged with them after the CJC Regional Council failed to give overwhelming approval for merger. Sixty-two per cent of those attending voted in favor.

Satok's proposals, based on the original ones by Milton Harris, CJC Central Region chairman, are much more specific and clarify the relationship between the Toronto and Regional Congress."

Proposed interim steps to merger would be:
— merger of appropriate staff;
— co-option to present

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Surprise planned?

TEL AVIV [JTA] —
The heavy build-up of Jordanian forces including tanks and mobile units near the Israeli border has alerted the Israeli army to a possible surprise move that would end four years of tranquility on the eastern front.

The massing of Jordanian troops and armor, which can be seen clearly from settlements in the Beisan Valley, has caused concern and puzzlement in both military and political circles in Israel, mainly because the moves were unexpected and their true intent is unknown. Defence Minister Shimon Peres who toured Jordan Valley settlements, referred to the "flirtation" between Jordan and Syria which, he said, "does not mean that Syria is going in Jordan's direction but rather that Jordan is adopting a Syrian orientation" meaning a more bellicose line toward Israel.

Working out for Sunday's UJA Walkathon are these members of the YM-YWHA Good Age Club. From left are Helen Blackstein, Sylvia Smith, Rose Brody and Harry Sobel. (Graphic)

Seniors, kids in walkathon

TORONTO —
The sixth annual United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund walkathon scheduled for this Sunday, May 25, is attracting Jewish seniors as well as kids.

Four members of the 'Y' Good Age Club who work out twice a week at a fitness class at the North 'Y', are determined to walk for Israel and are busy lining up sponsors. For Harry Sobel who is 69, this year's walk "will be a cinch." He's a veteran, having completed three previous UJA walkathons, which were six miles longer than the upcoming walk.

Sylvia Smith completed 19 of the 22 miles last year, but for Helen Backstein and Rose Brody, this will be their initial attempt. Mrs. Brody walks from her home at Wilmington and Finch to the fitness classes at the North 'Y' at Bathurst north of Sheppard and she's confident she'll have no trouble completing the walk — all 25 kilometers. "The big job is getting enough sponsors to make it worthwhile."

Due to the construction for the Spadina Subway, UJA walkathon officials have had to make a slight variation on the return trip north. Instead of going up Spadina Avenue, walkers will go straight up St. George to Dupont, make a slight jog east to Davenport, follow Davenport north and backtrack west along Davenport to the steps leading to Casa Loma and Spadina Road. Walkers will then continue as per instructions on the map.

More than 21,000 sponsor booklets have been distributed, and with renewed interest generated by the whole new route, it is expected the 1975 UJA walkathon will be the biggest ever.

PM censors explosive book

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —
Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister, personally embargoed the publication of a potentially explosive book describing events between the end of the 1973 October War and Israel's signing of the disengagement with Egypt in January 1974, and with Syria in May 1974. The book, called **Confrontation and Disengagement**, written by Matti Golan, the diplomatic correspondent of the influential independent daily newspaper **Ha'aretz**, is said to include a series of classified documents which are understood to have been quoted verbatim.

The public only learnt of the book when **The New York Times** circumvented Israeli censorship to publish a story that Rabin ordered its suppression because it contained disparaging remarks alleged to have been made by Henry Kissinger, the US secretary of state, about Arab and Soviet leaders and because if the book were published, Kissinger would be obliged to resign. Concern here has been expressed that the issue might reinforce a negative image in the United States and the Arab world over leaks in Israel to the press which might seriously hamper quiet diplomacy.

The question also arises of who would leak such top secret documents. The people who took part in direct talks with Kissinger were Golda Meir, the former prime minister; Moshe Dayan, the former defence minister; Abba Eban, the former foreign minister; Rabin; Yigal Allon, the deputy prime minister; Shimon Peres, the defence minister; Aharon Yariv, who conducted disengagement talks with the Egyptian General Gamazi; Simcha Dinitz, Israel's ambassador to Washington; and senior army officers.

Tourism minister optimistic over future

Kol decries 'scare headlines,' praises Canadians for travel volume

By RALPH HYMAN
CJN Editor

JERUSALEM —
One of the few bright spots in Israel's depressed tourism picture is the continued strength of Canadian travel to the Jewish state, and Moshe Kol wishes the United States would follow the example of her neighbor.

The Minister of Tourism gave me 30 minutes of his time for an interview which dealt entirely with tourism, Israel's No. 1 industry. The veteran cabinet minister, who recently returned from a three-week visit to the United States, made a point of praising Canadian Jewry for coming to Israel in large numbers, despite what he called "those scare headlines in the press."

The interview took place in the minister's plainly furnished office in a government building on King George Street. Kol expounded at length on the factors which have plunged tourism into the doldrums; terrorist activity (which he claimed the world press has exaggerated), the economic recession and uncertainty as to the future.

Tourism is down about 18% over last year, he said, and in this connection he complained that only between 10 and 12% of Jews in the United States have ever visited Israel. "The United States is in psychological shock. When people are worried about the future, they postpone trips."

Kol said an international promotion campaign has been launched to restore vitality to tourism. He emphasized that the campaign is aimed at the Christian world as well as at Jewish communities.

"To the Jews in the Diaspora, we say show solidarity with Israel by coming here to visit," he said. "To the Christians, we say don't yield to Arab threats. Come to the land of the bible."

I mentioned that one Israeli had told me that visitors had more to fear from traffic on streets and highways of Israel than they had from Arab terrorists, and he smiled.

"Many people think we are living in a constant state of war," Kol said. "Sure, we have our problems, and they are serious ones, but how many tourists have been killed or injured by terrorists? There are isolated incidents, but our cities are much safer than the big cities of the United States."

Moshe Kol is an optimist when it comes to tourism. He sees it as a one sure means of ensuring not only prosperity for Israel but for all of the Middle East, once peace descends on this part of the world.

"I am trying to get my cabinet colleagues to agree to limited and controlled charter flights," he said. "I don't want to open it too wide. After all, we have to protect El Al, our national airline. Controlled charter flights would increase tourism by 30%. It would bring in an additional $40 million in revenue."

The minister admitted that he was getting strong opposition from El Al and other members of the cabinet who are opposed to widening the scope of charter flights. He insisted that Israel must tap the middle class and to get them to come to Israel in large numbers, incentives must be given. He believed the co-operation of trade unions must be sought to stimulate travel to Israel. He described international air traffic policy as "too conservative."

When happier days dawn, he will be glad to work with his opposite numbers in Arab countries to create Middle East tours. He hinted that he already has the unofficial co-operation of the Jordanian government in this respect. (Thousands of Arab tourists visited Israel and the administered territories last year, 4% more than in the preceding year).

"I am ready to tell the Egyptians, if you in Cairo will recommend the holy places of Jerusalem, I'll recommend the pyramids of Egypt," he said, smiling. "I am an optimist. Nothing will be settled by war and threats of war. The day will come when there will be more hotels in the Arab world and tourism will not be a regional matter."

A new highway betweeen Tel Aviv and Jerusalem is to be built, and it is expected to shorten the motoring time between the two cities, and, more importantly, to reduce traffic accidents by eliminating curves. Kol spoke of Dead Sea health spas which are being developed to take advantage of the curative powers of the salt-laden water. Tiberias, rich with sulphur springs, is also attracting wide attention from persons suffering from skin diseases, and rheumatism and arthritis.

"Take the message back to your country that we are going to survive and prosper," he said as the interview ended. "We look forward to many more visits from Canadian Jews. Just recently we had hundreds of your Zionists come her for a convention (the Zionist Organization of Canada) and it was most successful. Now I understand your Canadian Zionist Federation plans to hold its convention in Israel next year."

Outside in the brilliant May sunshine, a Ministry of Tourism official remarked: "This being Holy Year, I wouldn't be surprised if we had more Christian pilgrims than Jews coming here. It all depends on events in the next few months."

World News

Sought clause to prevent bias, talks halted

WASHINGTON (JCNS) —

Saudi Arabia has halted negotiations with America's foremost scientific institution, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, over a technical assistance contract following a disagreement with MIT's Jewish president.

The Institute insisted on a clause in the contract which would guarantee that no Jew involved in the project would be discriminated against. The American Embassy in Jiddah expressed its concern in a letter to the New York Times because the Saudis have been counting heavily on official and private technical aid to carry out development plans.

Prince Mohammed ibn Feisal, son of the late King Faisal, and chairman of the Saudi Saline Water Conversion Corporation, refused to sign the contract with MIT after receiving a letter from its president, Dr. Jerome Wiesner, which he described as "threatening". Dr. Wiesner denied sending "any threatening letters to the Prince or anyone else." He added: "That is not my style."

The draft contract had been under negotiation for two years and provided that Saudi Arabia would not deny a visa to any member of the staff or academic personnel assigned to the project by MIT.

JCNS correspondent says that Dr. Wiesner had been under pressure from many members of the MIT faculty and graduate students, among whom are many Jews, to make an issue of the racial and religious question in doing business with Saudi Arabia.

Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and his wife give their daughter away in marriage. Daughter Dorit wed Dr. Yisrael Tamari. Also taking part in ceremony was Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

Seeks program for protection from boycotts

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The American Jewish Committee urged Congress and the Ford Administration to consider an eight-point program to protect sensitive sectors of the U.S. economy from foreign control, to curb the effects in this country of the Arab boycott and blacklisting of firms doing business with Israel, and to counteract attempts at job discrimination accompanying business dealings with Arab interests.

At the same time, the committee declared that it supported America's traditional openness to foreign investment, including Arab oil money, and it commitment to "the freest possible trade for all nations."

The committee's views were contained in a policy statement on Arab Economic Warfare, and were made public by Alfred H. Moses, chairman of its Domestic Affairs Commission.

Full disclosure of foreign investments in the U.S., with close monitoring of the defence, communications and banking industries; legislation empowering the president to limit, delay, or in other ways restrict investments he deems contrary to the American interest; amendment of the Export Administration Act to forbid participation by Americans in foreign-inspired boycotts against countries friendly to the U.S., and to insure full reporting of boycott requests received by business companies; and strengthening and application of anti-trust laws to acts of co-operation with the Arab boycott.

Also, withholding of American aid, including sales of military supplies, from nations that practice blacklisting; an administrative ruling that laws against discrimination may not be violated because some foreign countries may refuse to grant visas to certain classes of personnel; broadening laws against job discrimination to include directorships and high-level management posts; and outlawing discrimination in lending.

Party colleagues challenging Rabin over policy direction

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister, is facing a determined challenge from important elements within his ruling Labor Alignment who are openly questioning the present direction of his policy and that of his key colleagues, Yigal Allon, the deputy prime minister and foreign minister, and Shimon Peres, the defence minister.

The main demand, which came to a head at the meeting of the Alignment's political leadership bureau in the Knesset, was that the time had come for Israel to formulate an overall peace plan and draw maps. The campaign was spearheaded by Abba Eban, the former foreign minister, and Pinhas Sapir, the former finance minister, and by the Mapam Party, a member of the Alignment. Yaakov Hazan and Meir Talmi of Mapam, urged the government to take more risks in the search for peace, arguing that the time had come for "earnest soul-searching and for taking final decisions." "Why are we so scared of spreading out our maps?," they said in their challenge.

"The hour of truth is already upon us," Talmi said in a hard-hitting attack on what he contended was the goverment's lack of initiative.

However, Hazan and Talmi were less forthcoming than Sapir and Eban, who spelled out in more precise terms how far Israel should go in the search for real peace. Provided that the Arabs would accept the very stringent elements of such a full peace, Eban said, Israel should be satisfied with minimal changes in the pre-June 1967 borders, retaining only those areas which would preserve her security and deter war. He listed the Golan Heights, a united Jerusalem, the Rafah salient and Sharm el Sheikh for which he said, special arrangements were possible.

Eban was supported by Sapir, who painted a bleak picture of Israeli prospects unless she moved dramatically in the present situation.

All the critics gave warning that the government's refusal to spell out clear objectives would lead to a dissolution of the Labor Party and the break up of the Alignment.

Contrary to expectations, the leadership bureau's meeting was good-humored and without personal rancor. The debate challenged policy rather than putting forward leadership alternatives. Rabin himself did not speak during the debate which is expected to be continued, but he has already explained why he is opposed to drawing maps at this stage. Speaking during a tour of the Negev development town of Ofakim, he firmly objected to this because the Arabs would reject whatever maps Israel proposed.

Earlier, Rabin delivered a stinging broadside to Eban's open allegations that Israel had been unwise not to make sure of securing an interim accord once Henry Kissinger, the US secretary of state, began his negotiations. Without naming Eban, Rabin described such attacks as "irresponsible even though made by a man who formerly held responsible office."

In spite of the calm atmosphere in which the challenge to Rabin's policy was launched, the challenge, as Eban explained it, marked the beginning of a great national debate.

UNESCO's bias continues: Yadlin

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Education Minister Aharon Yadlin said recently that UNESCO "continues to show bias and discrimination" toward Israel.

"It appears that UNESCO has not managed to extricate itself from Arab pressure." Yadlin referred to two resolutions adopted by UNESCO's Executive Board at a meeting in Paris to exclude Israel from educational conferences in the Mediterranean area.

The meetings are planned for 1975 and 1976 to draft a treaty to assure mutual recognition among Mediterranean countries of diplomas from each country. The votes came on lists of countries to be invited to the coonference. Each of the 17 countries has a Mediterranean coastline. The votes were 25-1 and 28-1. The United States cast the only negative votes and Norway abstained.

Yadlin said that the high standards of Israel's academic institutions are well-known throughout the world and it was improbable that Israeli students would be affected by Israel's non-participation in the conferences. He added that despite this latest anti-Israel resolution, he was certain that the struggle of scientists and intellectuals everywhere against the politicization of UNESCO would continue.

The UNESCO Executive Board met as as a committee of the whole and the votes are not final. But it is believed unlikely that there will be a reversal when the board holds its regular meeting.

Racist ad published

By ASHER MIBASHAN

BUENOS AIRES [JTA] —

The largest circulation Argentine afternoon daily, La Razon, has published an ad publicizing a new book called Argentine Inflation by Dr. Walter Beveraggi Allende, a professor of economics at Buenos Aires Law School. The ad reproduces the book's title page showing Argentina crucified on a cross whose nail heads are Magen Davids; at the base of the cross sits a hook-nosed person, with hammer in hand.

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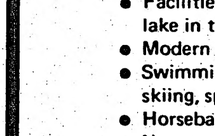

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315 families arrived here in 1974

Charles Kent is elected president of JIAS

Charles Kent

TORONTO — Charles Kent, long active in the Jewish community life of Toronto, was elected president of the Central Region, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, at the annual meeting held May 14 at Holy Blossom Temple.

A former president of the Toronto Zionist Council and of the Jewish National Fund and co-ordinator of the first Soviet Jewish rally held here, Kent has been involved with JIAS for many years and assumed the leadership of the organization last year following the death of the incumbent president, Joseph Starkman.

In his presidential report, Kent noted that "once again we find ourselves in the midst of a worldwide migration of Jews," and that Jews are coming to Canada from all parts of the world.

Many Russian Jews are coming here, he said, and JIAS has been criticized "by a few who should know better for helping them." He said it is not the role of JIAS to sit in judgement over other people and that "it is not our function to decide who should come to Canada and who should not.

"Israel has constantly appealed for aliyah," he continued, "and we support that program. Yet it is not up to us to decide who should go there and who should not."

Kent denied strongly that JIAS is "competing with and enticing Jews away from Israel." He declared that Jews have a right to live as Jews how they want to and where they want to — be it in Israel or anywhere else. JIAS, he said, was organized over 50 years ago to help and assist those Jews who came here as immigrants and require some assistance until they get adjusted and on their feet. That has been our credo and thus it will remain.

Kent reviewed the work of JIAS in helping immigrants settle in Canada. "In the last few years," he said, "we have witnessed a repetition of the exodus several times. First, there were the survivors of the Holocaust, followed by Jews from Arab lands. Then it was the escapees from the Hungarian revolution, followed by the Czechs and the Poles. It is this historic pattern which has taught us to establish institutions such as JIAS which are ready at all times to help the migrant."

How close upon the heels of one movement the other follows can be noted by the fact that last year, JIAS marked the 18th anniversary of the arrival in Toronto of the first Moroccan families. This year marks the 18th anniversary of the arrival of the Hungarian escapees.

Currently, Kent continued, JIAS is coping with a new exodus — from Soviet Russia. A total of 179 Russian families came to Toronto in 1974 and Kent said that "the desire for freedom is such that many more of our people will find their way out of the Soviet Union and reach our shores. As always, we will be here to receive them and make them welcome in our community."

In all, 315 families arrived here in 1974 from 23 countries, including Cuba, Argentina, Uruguay, Iran, the U.S. and others. Twenty-three families arrived from Roumania; 36 families from Morocco; 10 from Chile and 23 from Israel. In 1973 a total of 243 families arrived.

JIAS social services department helps the immigrant after arrival in finding suitable accommodation and employment, facilitate his general adjustment, provide financial assistance until he becomes self-supporting and counsels him on emotional, social and other problems of integration and also offers a comprehensive directional service to community resources. The total spent on social services in 1974 was $221,448, almost double the amount spent the previous year.

Kent told the meeting that the initial reception and resettlement of immigrant families and particularly the Russians has been very good and problems have been minimal. "In fact," he said, "compared to some of the problems encountered by agencies in the U.S., we find our experience has been a good one." The director of European operations of HIAS — the worldwide immigrant relief organization — has stated that the JIAS Toronto operation is one of the best he has seen in action, Kent reported.

Histadrut director warns of gap between religious, non-religious

By GERARD FRIEDMAN

MONTREAL — The director of the Israel Histadrut religious department declared at a press conference here recently that "an important cultural gap exists between the religious and the non-religious in Israel.

"What we see now is the replacement of true Judaism of morality and values by the Yiddishkeit of gefilte-fish and the trills of hazanut," said Rabbi Menachem Hacohen.

Rabbi Hacohen was invited to be the guest speaker at the annual Histadrut dinner. He is the leader of some 200,000 Orthodox workers.

For example, he makes sure kashruth is respected in the 300 workers' kitchens under his supervision.

"I'm a rabbi in the Knesset, but I don't belong to a religious party, I'm a Labor man," said Rabbi Hacohen, who is one of the youngest men in the Israeli parliament.

Born in the Old City of Jerusalem, Rabbi Hacohen comes from 17 generations of rabbis. During the Six-Day War, he served in a parachute battalion, and later became a chaplain in the Israeli Navy.

Rabbi Hacohen stated that the young people of Israel believe that religion is too closely tied into politics, and he asserts that religion should be separated from the state.

The rabbi said that he is in favor of merging schools into the state religious school system.

Rabbi Menachem Hacohen

"In the state school system," he argues, "the teachers lack knowledge of Judaism, rendering Jewish consciousness curricula meaningless."

Rabbi Hacohen added: "Instead of organized Orthodoxy fighting for a separate school system, they should have striven for more Jewish content in a united school system."

Rabbi Hacohen and his department have created hundreds of study groups in kibbutzim, moshavim, and in the cities.

"I'm trying to create an educational way of religious life," he said. "I believe in socialism, and I want the young people to know about their culture and heritage, so that they can choose their way of life."

UIA women meet

OSHAWA — Thirty women met for a luncheon recently at the home of Mrs. Joyce Glazier, for this year's Oshawa women's division United Israel Appeal Campaign. Mrs. Glazier, who spearheaded the original Oshawa women's division campaign, and has successfully run their annual campaigns since, was joined this year by Mrs. Penny Sklar as co-chairman.

The ladies once again proved the importance of women's separate giving, when they opened both their hearts and their purses after listening to Dr. David Posen, guest speaker from Oakville, give an impassioned address on the situation in Israel today.

When the pledges were counted it was found that, as in previous years, once again the amount of money raised for Israel, was well in excess of last year's figures.

Lieut.-Gen. Haim Laskov, distinguished military figure, to address synagogue dinner

TORONTO — Lieut.-Gen. Haim Laskov, the official ombudsman of the Israel defence forces and its former chief of staff at the age of 38, will fly to Toronto on Monday, June 2, to be guest speaker at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation Dinner at which Keith Alexander will be the recipient of the 1975 Shomer Israel Award being presented to him by State of Israel Bonds.

Lieut.-Gen. Haim Laskov

One of Israel's most distinguished military figures, Gen. Laskov served as a member of the five-man Agranat Commission that studied the opening stages of the Yom Kippur War. He is the former director general of the Israel Port Authority, a post he held until late 1970, and was for many years chiefly responsible for the progress and expansion of his country's seaports and dock facilities, key elements of Israel's shipping industry and her vital lifeline for world trade.

Herb Green, general chairman of the 1975 Toronto Israel Bond Drive is serving as chairman of the dinner. Chairman of the Beth Emeth Congregation is Irving Horowitz, who will host a reception honoring Alexander on Tuesday evening, May 27.

WZO official urges greater Jewishness

VANCOUVER — The head of the Youth and Hechalutz department of the World Zionist Organization, Mordecai Bar-On, urged an audience here to be more Jewish. "It doesn't take much of an effort," he said, according to **The Bulletin.**

Bar-On said the underlying factor in the Diaspora is the apathy of young Jews to Judaism. He asked younger Vancouver Jews "to be more Jewish every minute you give towards this task... Try to intensify the Jewish dimension of your life, introduce and practice Jewish traditions in the home, spend time in Israel, be active in a synagogue, know Hebrew and Jewish history."

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Egypt receptive to Kissinger

The American diplomatic initiative in the Middle East is not over

The announcement that President Ford will meet the leaders of Egypt and Israel next month is further indication that reports of the death of America's peace initiative in the Middle East are highly exaggerated. Moreover, the suspension of Secretary Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy has apparently not driven Egypt into the hands of the "radicals" of the Arab world, as the secretary had feared. Instead of moving closer to the hard-line Arab "confrontation" states (which rule out all talks with Israel), President Sadat announced he will open the Suez Canal to international traffic and even left open the question of Israeli cargoes moving through the canal.

There are lessons here in terms of the "reassessment" of American Middle East policy now taking place in Washington. First, President Sadat does not appear ready to embrace either the Arab radicals or the Soviets, whom he has just criticized for their insistence on being paid for the arms they sold to Egypt. Next, American government aid, American investment and American technology remain essential for Egypt; thus, American diplomacy continues to play the leading role in the Middle East.

And, finally, large-scale U.S. aid to Israel will not alienate the Arab world from the U.S. This lesson was amply demonstrated in 1973, when the U.S. provided Israel with huge amounts of war material to fight the Yom Kippur War — a fact that did not prevent the Arab states from resuming diplomatic relations with the U.S. shortly thereafter. Indeed, the more the U.S. helps Israel, the greater our country's leverage on the Arabs. It is only when the U.S. announces a reassessment of its Middle East policy that the Arab states are encouraged in their intransigence and refusal to move toward peace.

Neither logic nor geopolitics justifies any connection between the level of aid our country furnishes Israel and the posture Israel adopts in its negotiations with the nations that have made war on her four times in 25 years. Jerusalem merits largescale U.S. support not only because the only democracy in the Middle East needs it but because American interests require it. Can anyone imagine what the American position in the Middle East would be today if the Arab states had succeeded in over-running Israel during the Yom Kippur War? It was the courage and sacrifice of Israel's soldiers, using American arms bravely and brilliantly, that saved Israel from annihilation — and preserved America's position in the Middle East.

That is why Israel needs massive U.S. aid: to deter Arab attack, or, if it comes, to repel it — and, in defending its independence, to protect as well the vital interests of the United States.

(Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.)

Despite problems, Black-Jewish relations are on the upswing

Until fairly recently American Jews were firmly identified with the Black man's struggle to achieve freedom, dignity and equality of opportunity. Active out of a sense of liberalism and empathy, Jews joined abolitionist societies, contributed to the establishment of the NAACP, drafted and lobbied for civil rights legislation, and partook in freedom rides and voter registration drives.

In the last seven years, the traditional and amiable alliance between Jews and Blacks has tragically begun to crumble in the face of changing times. One of the first tangible signs of deterioration occurred in 1968 and 1969 during the public school strikes in Ocean Hill Brownsville, New York City. The closing of City College, Brooklyn, added to the turmoil. This particular conflict stemmed from a plan to impose quotas on admission standards, something Jews have always found abhorent. Animosities flared yet again in 1972 during the introduction of low-cost housing in Forest Hills, Queens, a Jewish neighborhood.

As a result of these and other incidents Jewish support for issues adopted by Blacks can no longer be taken for granted. Regrettably, Blacks and Jews are meeting each other in head-on collisions for the first time, and Jewish groups are calling attention to the supposed threat posed by Black militants. What has happened? One viable explanation is offered by scholar Richard Rubenstein: "After at least a century of liberalism, there is a very strong likelihood that the Jewish community will turn somewhat conservative in the sense that its strategy for social change involves establishment politics rather than revolutionary violence. Jews have much to conserve in American life. It is no sin to conserve what one has worked with infinite difficulty to build."

Indeed it is true that in the affluence of the '60s, the positions of many Blacks and Jews in American society underwent significant change. Their special interests, values and even life styles drew them apart; members of the Black intelligentsia began to clamor for more radical change; and as the emerging Black bourgeoise started their ascent up the slippery ladder of success, they frequently encountered Jewish school teachers, principals, social workers and government Bureaucrats on the rungs just above them. Consequently, the bitterness that developed between Blacks and Jews was practically inevitable.

Exacerbating their strained relations was the presence of Jewish merchants and landlords in the Black slum neighborhoods. The Jews became vulnerable targets of "Black rage." Also contributing to the general animosity was the fact that the majority of Black militants began spouting virulently anti-Israel slogans.

Some years ago, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith commissioned studies dealing with anti-Semitism among Blacks. The League found that anti-Semitism occurs less among Blacks than Whites. Yet the evidence also indicated that young and better-educated Blacks scored higher on anti-Semitism than Whites — a fact that hardly augurs well for Black-Jewish relations.

Clearly, class has much to do with the attitude one adopts toward another ethnic or racial group. But in the case of the Jews the statistics are somewhat different. Upperclass Jews, far from the madding competition, are generally more optimistic and tend to view Blacks in terms of the old relationship of the '50s and '60s. Yet lower middleclass Jews, who send their children to city rather than suburban schools, who work at less glamorous jobs and who live in seamy or racially changing neighborhoods, display less tolerance and understanding of Blacks. Moreover, a poll has shown that college-educated and Reform Jews are less inclined to believe Blacks are anti-Semitic than Orthodox Jews who completed high school.

In spite of the lamentable developments that have pitted Blacks against Jews, their erstwhile strong alliance has not entirely faded. Another Harris poll indicates that a considerable number of Jews are still friendly or at least not opposed to what they term legitimate Black demands. And the events of the last few years, though they are admittedly gloomy, inspire some hope. In Los Angeles, former mayor Sam Yorty failed to play on Jewish fears of Black militants and Jewish areas voted for Thomas Bradley, his Black opponent. When Californians voted 2-1 for Proposition 14 to repeal the state's fair housing law, Jews went 2-1 against. Jews and Blacks also voted against New York's Conservative senatorial candidate, James Buckley, in 1970, and President Richard Nixon in 1972.

This year, a host of encouraging developments have also occurred. Blacks are being urged by some of their leaders to support Soviet Jewry. "We identity with them, and we say that their fight is our fight," a group of 22 Black leaders was quoted as saying last month. And the **Amsterdam News,** the largest black newspaper in the United States, recently carried a long editorial calling for Black-Jewish co-operation. (Here in Toronto, the Canadian Jewish Congress disclosed there have been Black-Jewish meetings on a variety of subjects. And Ben Kayfetz, executive director of Congress' Central Region, told a press conference here that Black extremists voicing rabid anti-Israel sentiments are not representative of the Black population in the city.)

There is obviously a basis for renewed co-operation between Jews and Blacks in the United States (and Canada). Jews and Blacks are "making it" but are all too often the victims of discrimination and snobbery. That alone should unite them to work against the vile interests that oppose their every step towards affluence and influence. But, as Murray Friedman of the American Jewish Committee has written, times have changed and the relationship between Blacks and Jews in the years to come will be less rooted in abstract notions of brotherhood and more in the realities of the manner in which ethnic and racial groups relate to one another in a pluralistic society that seems to be reflecting the concept of the melting pot.

The people of Ma'alot are still recovering from the massacre of a year ago. The northern town of 4,500 desperately needs professionals and other settlers. According to planners, the future looks good for the village in the Galilee. (IPPA photograph)

Town needs immigrants

Ma'alot, scene of last year's massacre, feels unwanted and neglected by Israel

By JAY AND SHEILA JACOBSON

Ma'alot.

The name conjures up visions of young bodies, ripped and bleeding. Of screaming ambulances and flashes of gunfire reflected in hanging plasma bottles. On May 15, 1974, Ma'alot suddenly put in an appearance on the map of Israel, a bright red splash in the emerald Galilee.

Ma'alot.

They've cleaned up the bloodstains and repaired the shattered windows in the Netiv Meir School. Fist-sized holes, punched in an outside wall by heavy machinegun fire, still remain. Swallows nest in them now.

The children don't talk about the massacre. But the soldiers stationed in the schoolyard are watchful, unsmilingly alert, determined that the disaster will never reoccur.

People are beginning to go out at night again. They lock their doors, they take their children along. They stay together in groups for safety. But they go out.

Ma'alot, one year later. But the great problems of daily existence still weigh heavily on its people.

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Ma'alot is home to 4,500 people, a village of 800 dwellings. Today, 1,600 new housing units are on the way up. Who will occupy them?

"We only need about 100 apartments for young couples," says Eliahu Ben-Ya'akov, head of the town council, "and another 100 for large families now living in overcrowded conditions. That leaves 1,400 units — enough for 6,000 newcomers."

Where are they?

Ma'alot desperately needs live-in teachers, doctors, other professionals. The town is crying for academicians and skilled workers to come and settle, to raise the living standard, improve the cultural level. There is room today for 1,000 Israelis, 5,000 new immigrants — a sorely needed shot-in-the-arm for a stagnating community.

School kids, future hope of any self-sustaining town, drop out at a high rate. The local high school is non-academic, a second-rate trade school where 50 youngsters play at learning, in an educationally substandard situation. The few who care about their schooling go to Haifa or Nahariya, imposing a large financial sacrifice on already overburdened parents. The rest leave school at the end of eighth grade, as soon as the law allows. Sometimes they go to work in one of the local factories; more often they sit and watch the lamp posts rusting. Too many leave home for the cities at 15 or 16, making their way in menial jobs, or — sadly — as petty criminals or prostitutes. A few make good. Nobody ever comes back.

It is not surprising that Mayor Ben-Ya'akov is bitter. "Ma'alot needs salesmen!", he proclaims. "We need people to sell immigrants the idea of settling here. This is the Galilee — the finest, greenest, most beautiful part of Israel."

The mayor feels very strongly about the obligations of Jewish youth in the Diaspora. "Young Jews from America and the West should become personally involved in Israel, particularly northern Israel. And, of course, contributing money through the UJA and other Jewish organizations is very important."

Eliahu Ben-Ya'akov is not the only deeply concerned denizen of Ma'alot. American-born Bernika Silverstein, head nurse in the town clinic, feels that there has been some improvement over the past year. "We saw a lot of emotional troubles after the disaster," she says, "but they are beginning to recede. Last year, dormant problems, catalyzed by the shock, came boiling up — now, the community's basic good health is beginning to show." Like the mayor, Bernika feels that the town's situation can be improved by accelerating the pace of development.

Ma'alot's future looks good. The forecast calls for the town council's elevation to municipality status by 1980, with a city population of 18,000. Plans include a new high school, more housing, a 375-acre industrial park, development of cultural, commercial and entertainment centres.

And, of course, people.

What kind of man will leave the convenience of his home, the security of a good job, the roots of his birthplace, the comfort of friends and relatives — and go to live in Ma'alot? The answer is simple; The same kind of Jew who walked from Europe to the Holy Land in the 1880's; who built Eretz Israel in the 1920's, despite malaria, drought and starvation; who struggled against British pressures during the Mandate, then in 1948 wrested the newborn Jewish state from the hands of five Arab armies; and who, today, see Ma'alot — and dozens of development towns like it — as the foundation of a secure future for Israel.

ask the rabbi

Intent of laws is not flouted by the marking of cash offerings

1. Is the practice of marking cash offerings during Sabbath services with cards really flouting the intent of the relevant laws?

What is the intent of the relevant laws? The Prophet declares: "If thou turn thy foot away because of the Sabbath, from pursuing thy business on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight; and the holy of the Lord honorable; and shalt honor it, not doing thy wonted ways, nor pursuing thy business, nor speaking thereof . . ." (Isaiah 58:13).

The rabbis (Sabbath 150a) stress "thy business" to conclude that accounts in connection with religion may be calculated on the Sabbath and promises to donate money to charity may be made on the Sabbath. (As Rabbi Israel Salanter once said: Concern for a neighbor's material well-being is a spiritual concern.)

Rabbi Moses Isserles in his note to the Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayyim 306:6) states that while one authority does frown on the declaration on the Sabbath of the actual amount of money to be given, it is customary to permit even this.

To write down the amounts donated, is of course forbidden, which is why the cards and string are used. This is not a circumvention of the law against writing on the Sabbath, nor is it against its intent.

Card marking in this way is simply not subsumed by the law under the heading of writing and it patently is not "writing". It follows from all this that no intent of any law is being flouted.

There is no intent in law to forbid the declaration that one will make a donation to charity on the Sabbath. On the contrary, it is seen as fully within the spirit of the Sabbath. As for the intent of the law against writing this is not flouted at all.

Many synagogues are not, in fact, happy about the institution of "shnoddering" but on entirely different grounds from those you mention, namely, a public announcement of the sums donated by each tends to put the poorer congregants to shame. This is, indeed a weighty objection.

2. Is there any law regarding the length of time which must expire after burial before unveiling a memorial stone?

Despite many reports to the contrary, the memorial stone can be unveiled at any time after the shiva.

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The diary of Anne Frank, written under stress, carries a message that touches untold millions

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

The dark-haired, 14-year-old girl crunched up in a corner of the crowded quarters, assembled her writing materials and began another entry in her diary. It was Monday, May 22, 1944. In a year the war would be over, her own life snuffed out, but the diary would live on, carrying a message that would touch the hearts of untold millions throughout the world.

The writer was Anne Frank.

Born into a banking family in Frankfurt on June 12, 1929, little Annelies Marie Frank began her life in a world of comfort, security and scholarship as far removed as one could imagine from the world of Bergen-Belsen where, sometime in March, 1945, her skeleton-like body succumbed to the effects of disease and starvation.

In the early 1930's, the Frank family moved to Amsterdam to get away from the Nazi abuse and terror. The hospitable Dutch became Mrs. Frank's friendly neighbors, her husband Otto's trusted employees in his spice-trading company and Margot's (Anne's older sister by three years) and Anne's close friends.

For the next few years life for bubbly, energetic Anne revolved around school, the warmth of her family, her many girlfriends, birthday parties and deciding which boy she would let bicycle home from school with her. On May 10, 1940 everything changed — the Germans invaded Holland.

From then until July 5, 1942, when Margot received a notice from the Germans to report for deportation, Anne's parents, unknown to her, were making preparations to go into hiding. The next day they entered what became known as the "secret annex," rooms at the top and back of the building where Otto Frank's office had been.

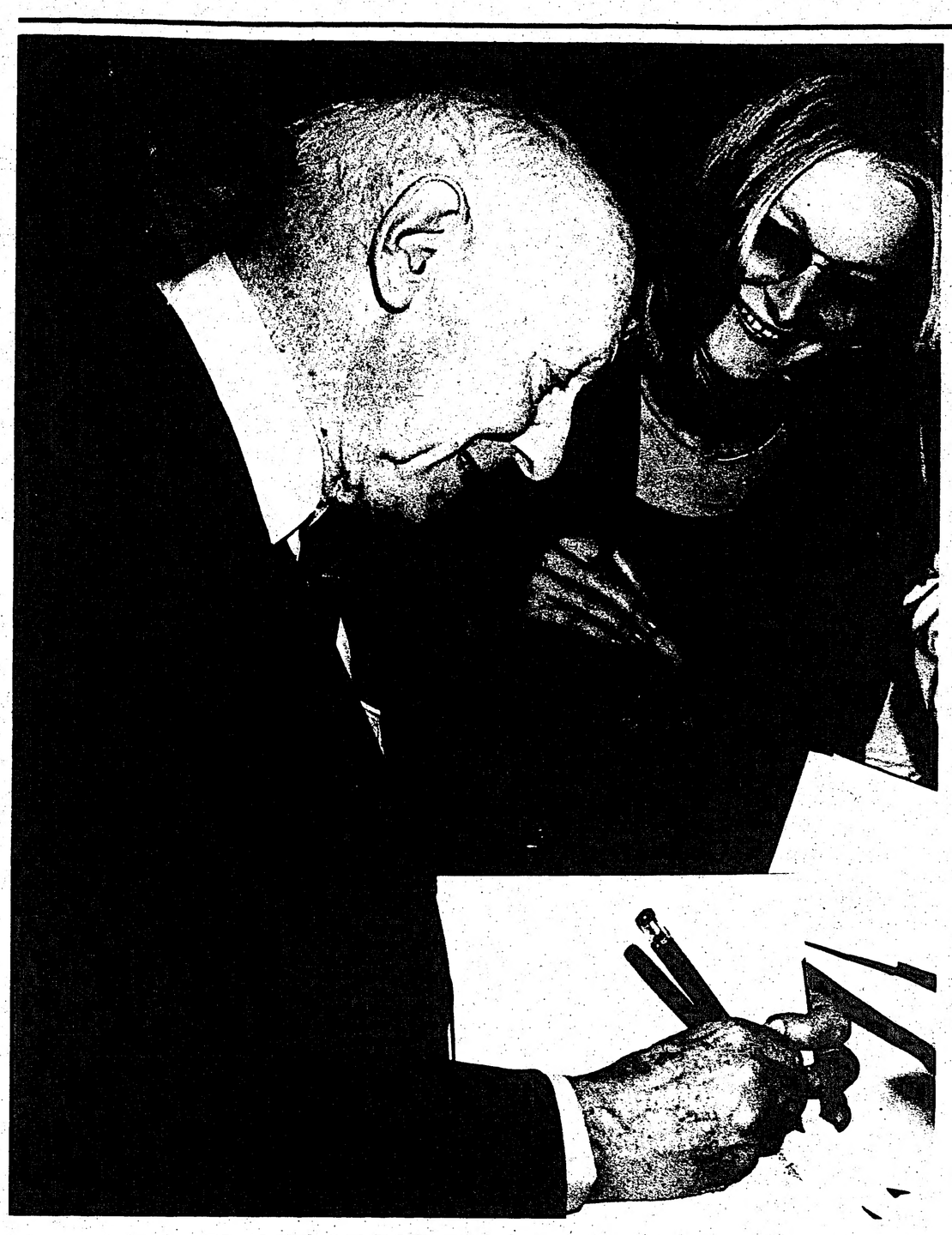
They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan, their 15-year-old son, Peter and, a few months later, by another Jew, Albert Dussel, an elderly dentist. For the next two years, Anne would write in her diary about the love, the quarrels, the fears and the hopes of the eight hidden Jews.

She would also write about their non-Jewish friends, Miep Van Santen, Elli Vossen, Mr. Kraler and Mr. Koophuis who tended to their needs as best they could.

Her last entry was on August 1, 1944. Three days later there was a pounding on the secret entrance. The Gestapo had found them.

Only Otto Frank would survive. But then there was Anne's diary — the voice of a child that would live on to affect the attitudes of young and old alike the world over.

Anne Frank has taken a place in history books with her moving diary recorded just prior to her death at the hands of Nazis. She died at 14 in 1944 in a concentration camp.



GIANT OF YIDDISH LITERATURE

Called the greatest living writer in Yiddish, Isaac Bashevis Singer attracted a large crowd to the University of Toronto where he lectured on behalf of the Secular Jewish Education. Afterwards, he autographed books for some of his admirers. (Groskind photo)

Isaac Bashevis Singer proclaims

'A writer is a teller of tales'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —
The greatest living Yiddish writer in the world today, Isaac Bashevis Singer, debunked modern literature, scolded young American and Israeli writers, praised mysticism and flailed away at scientific rationalism in a devastating speech last week at the University of Toronto.

Singer, a spry 71, has been compared to Charles Dickens and Mark Twain by literary critic Irving Howe. And critic Richard Elman has said that the Polish-born Singer is a serious writer whose works are suffused with "a terrifying universality," in spite of the fact that Yiddish literature has been neglected and on the decline for the last 35 years.

Scion of a rabbinical family, Singer was born and raised in Warsaw, and emigrated to New York City in 1935 after seeing the anti-Semitic writing on the wall. In the last 40 frenetic years, he has produced seven novels, six collections of short stories, 10 children's books and countless sketches in English.

Influenced by two separate and distinct worlds, Singer delves into the mystical folklore of the lost Eastern European shtetls, but also probes the absurdities and traumas of modernday Jewish life in North and South America and in Israel.

Singer, the consummate storyteller who disdains psychological ambiguity in literature, told an amused and receptive audience at Convocation Hall that the trouble with contemporary literature is its propensity for abstraction and its mockery of character and narrative. Singer, whose stories possess none of the nostalgic qualities for which Yiddish writing is known, is not as inspiring a speaker as he is a writer. He read his 45-minute address, hardly glancing from the prepared text. Yet the impact was immediate and direct, the people in the hall laughing, giggling at his torrent of remarks.

"We're living at a time when artists are experiencing disappointment in themselves," he noted. Lambasting modern poetry as deficient and theatre as stagnant, Singer lamented that writers are handicapped because they must describe "emotions and images explored thousands of years ago." And, in a stinging indictment of explicit literature, he sneered: "They can't even exploit pornography."

The misfortune of modern literature, he said, is that it has forsaken instinct at the expense of intellect. Warming to his theme, Singer said the spread of universal education has produced a plethora of talentless writers and of readers who have "no time or patience to wait for genuine authors.

"A writer can't solve social problems and preach reform," he said. "A writer is basically a teller of tales. He can stir the mind but he can't direct it. He's an entertainer in the highest sense of the word...in art, a truth that is boring is not true."

Contending that "great literature does not come from forgetting but from remembering," the author decried young Hebrew writers who feel they can ignore 2,000 years of exile. He said that their loathing of the Diaspora and Yiddish has sterilized them; that they cannot "jump from biblical times to the present"; that the Israeli of European origin remains "a stranger of his own heritage," and that there cannot be a Hebrew literature which divorces itself from Yiddish.

Since his tales are replete with fables of imps and demons, of charlatans and false messiahs, it was inevitable that mysticism would play an essential role in his speech.

Singer dwelt on one of his favorite topics with wit and intensity. "Modern literature cannot rid itself of imps, gobblins, spirits, devils, dybbuks, sorcerers, witches — and miracles," he proclaimed. Well aware there are detractors who claim his novels are merely "opium to put the masses to sleep," Singer retorted: "Logically, they are right, but I stuck to the spider webs of folklore, fantasy and instinct. If it hadn't been for folklore, Jewish people would not exist."

And he added emphatically: "I believe we are surrounded by spirits."

His attack on rationalism was scathing and unrelenting. "No human undertaking is totally scientific," he declared. "Everything returns to a mystical sea of instinct...in comparison to cosmic knowledge, our knowledge is like a drop in a sea."

Science, he argued, "becomes more and more magical" while scientific theories "fall down with a bang." He continued his assault, relishing every word: "We still remain blind. If we see a speck of light, it is only with our instinct...rationalism is a mysterious power."

Like a sorcerer, the grand old man of Yiddish literature read a sketch in English entitled **Saturday in Paradise.** He enchanted and delighted the crowd with his sardonic humor, exorcising doubts and reinforcing the admiration that millions of readers have come to feel for this imp of a man, this man who spins fantastic fables much like a spider spins exquisite webs after an early morning rain.

'Her death wrung mournful tunes from my heartstrings,' says J.B. of Rivkeh Hurwich

By J.B. SALSBERG

[First of two columns]

Suddenly and swiftly, like a bird in flight, Rivkeh Hurwich departed from life in Jerusalem, little more than a month ago.

The sad news spread, instantaneously, by word of mouth to hundreds of homes in Canada, the United States and, most certainly, also in Israel where Rivkeh, and her lifelong mate and comrade, Dr. Samuel B. Hurwich, had made their home for many years. Though many knew of Rivkeh's heart condition, no one was prepared for the sudden shock.

But nowhere could the impact of the tragedy have been more profoundly felt than in Toronto, where the Hurwiches were raised and educated, where they reached life's maturity and where they both achieved respect and well-deserved honors as dedicated leaders of their own ideological camp and in the Canadian Jewish community at large.

Thousands loved Dr. S.B. Hurwich, the competent and gentle pediatrician. (He is continuing his medical practice in Jerusalem.) Many more thousands respected him as the leader of the Labor Zionist movement and its long-time spokesman in the councils of Canada's organized Jewry.

It was in Toronto where Rivkeh became a social worker, where she was in the forefront of the Pioneer Women's movement for a long period and where she rose to the position of national president of the Pioneer Women's movement, which is a tower of strength to the organized working women of Israel.

The Hurwiches in Israel became the unofficial Canadian Jewish community's ambassadors in Israel and their hospitable home on Ramban St., in Jerusalem, became the centre for all Canadian visitors. Rivkeh's hospitality became legendary among Canadians,

The late Rivkeh Hurwich

and especially Torontonians, when they reached the capital of the Jewish state.

For me personally, the tragic news was far more traumatic than I would have expected. It wrung many mournful tunes from my heartstrings. It was a woeful reminder of one's own loss. But above all Rivkeh's death was a painful reminder of the inescapable fact that the ranks of the original group — mine, the Hurwiches etc. — that began its inspired and confident march towards the sun together, more than half-a-century ago, is sadly dwindling in number.

I am perhaps the last of that group (outside of immediate family) to whom Rivkeh always remained as Techterl (little daughter). It was ever so here, even through the years when the Hurwiches and I were at opposite ends of the political pole. (And heaven knows, that both Rivkeh and I could be acutely partisan in those days.) It remained so in Israel when our world and Jewish outlook regained a great measure of the ideological identity that characterized our early group life.

On my frequent visits to Israel, I would always phone the Hurwiches in Jerusalem as soon as I settled into my hotel room in Tel Aviv Recognizing her voice I would say, "hello Techterl," and her voice would rise with laughter and reply, "Oh, Salsberg!"

It all started away back. It was the early fall of 1920. A Yiddish lecture was given in the old Zionist building, (on Cecil and Beverley Streets). Two very young, young men who took themselves and the world, especially the Jewish world, very seriously attended the lecture. In the discussion period the two young men found themselves arguing fervently for an identical position. The lecture over, the two, who had never met before, sought each other out, introduced themselves and thought that they should form a youth organization that would express their views.

Thus did Sammy Hurwich and I join hands in a common political venture.

Little did we know then that this would prove to be the most fateful decision that either of us would make in our lives.

I undertook to round up the best of the old Poale-Zion Youth Club, in which I had been active, but which had been "voluntarily" disbanded in the final stage of the First World War due to police harassment of all "socialist" organizations. Hurwich offered to present our plan to an informal group with which he was associated. He was confident that this friends would agree. We would thus have two basic cornerstones for the new structure that we envisaged.

Both groups did, indeed, approve our plan and an introductory meeting was arranged.

The centre-piece of Hurwich's group was the Bronstein family or, more correctly, the Bronstein sisters, the youngest of whom was Techterl, who became Sammy's Rivkeh for life.

The Bronstein's were close friends with the Wilensky sisters, the eldest of whom was Dora whose life became intertwined with mine for the rest of her days among us.

'The more Torah that a Jew knows, the more G-d will expect from him'

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Naso

V'samu et sh'mee al b'nay Yisrael va'anee avarechaym... And they shall put my name on the Children of Israel and I will bless them...

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There are more ways to serve G—d than there are stars in the sky — but nothing is higher than doing mitzvahs with joy and humility...

A misnagid once asked the saintly Rabbi Pinchas of Kuritz — "why is it that after prayers we recite Psalms, while you chassidim drink **schnaps?**" "I'll tell you" the Rabbi explained, "we want to be able to recite the blessing '**shehakol nihiyeh beedvaro** — praise G—d who created everything'..." "But can't you recite the brocho over water — why whisky?" Rabbi Pinchas laughed, "don't you think that such wonderful Jews who want to recite a blessing deserve a little schnaps as a reward..."

When a Jew gets uptight and thinks he knows it all — he'd better start worrying. That's why we find an interesting thing... If a husband became suspicious that his wife was guilty of a little hanky-panky, the Almighty commanded that she be brought to the Bet Hamikdash and drink from a cup of water into which the **kohain** mixed — among other things — dust from the floor of the Temple... Moses wondered — why should the **kohain** have to get his hands all dirty with dust? But the Ribono shel Olam explained — "listen, sometimes fat-headed priests or scholars think they know more than anyone... Let them realize that they can gain something new from every person — even simple Jews they consider just "dust". Every human being should be treated with respect..." (Baal Shem Tov)

The more Torah a Jew knows, the more G—d expects from him. Consider...if a Jew stole, he not only had to return the money, but he had to confess his theft before the Almighty Himself. But it's strange...the Torah says, "**vehisvadu et chatosom asher asu — they** shall confess their sin..." Who's the "they" — it was just one ganoff? But it teaches an important thing...if one Jew sins, everybody has a few "shares" in the business. Because if other Jews would have been 100% honest, they would have set such such an example that this poor Jew would never have thought of stealing. The greater a Jew is, the more careful he has to be of what example he sets... (Al Hatorah)

The truth is, the greatest example is when a person doesn't take himself too seriously, and bends over backwards for the sake of peace. When the **mishkan** sanctuary was dedicated in the desert, every day the prince of one of the 12 tribes brought an offering. On the last day, the prince was Eliphaz ben Ainon — Eliphaz the son of "The Eye"... Why did he have such a strange name? But the Ribono shel Olam said, "that Eliphaz is a good guy. After all, no one wants to sit at the end of the head table, or be the last to bring the holy offerings, but he kept on letting people get ahead of him. He's a real Jew because he has an **ayin tov** — a good, forgiving eye..." (Rabbi Henoch of Alexander)

Sometimes, though, just setting a good example is not enough. Once a Jewish thief was sentenced to a long term in Siberia. Before he was taken away, he demanded that the rabbi be called. In front all the townsfolk he shouted — "do you know whose fault it is that I'm being sent away — yours... Because when I first started stealing, if you would have scolded and chastised me, I would have stopped. Instead, because you were silent, I went from one crime to another..."

There will come a time after 120 years when every Jew who keeps the Torah and mitzvot will be asked by the Almighty — "there were salesmen who sold everything from swamplands in Florida to electric toothbrushes — why didn't you sell my Torah of Life to your brother and sister Jew? Even one out of 50, even one out of 100...you had such an opportunity to save Jews from marrying out of their faith, from not keeping the Sabbath, from not davening or putting on Tefillen, from not studying Torah... Why didn't you act?"

Every Jew must be a foot-soldier in the Torah revolution. Shabbat Shalom.

Please note our Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 7:30, Wednesdays at 5; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*

Letters to the Editor

Director of inter-faith program, Rev. Gilbert, wishes Israel long life

Dear Editor:

On the 27th anniversary of Israel's independence, I wish to convey my congratulations and sincere wishes for a future of peace to that nation and to Jews everywhere.

The 27 years have been a time of great achievement and a time fraught with great difficulties. Conflict has marked much of it, and yet the conflict has not prevented progress in many areas. Israel today has become a symbol of new meaning for Jewish life which is exemplary of undaunted perseverance in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

The most significant obstacle has been and remains the problem of peace with Israel's Arab neighbors. The recent breakdown in negotiations has seemed to create another major setback in the possibility of solving this dilemna. This is disappointing, but must not lead to despondency. Rather, may it be a challenge to renew and continue the struggle. As one who is a Christian and not a part of the Jewish community, I would, with my fellow Christians, offer my encouragement to Jews everywhere to continue the search for the ultimate solution. Be assured that not only are my wishes but all of my energies dedicated to doing whatever possible to achieve that end.

To me one of the most poignant passages in the Bible is the beginning of Psalm 126 — "When the Lord restored the captivity of Zion, we were as those who dream." Here is expressed the realization of an aspiration which is the essence of human life. Reality is such that it only can seem to be a dream. For centuries of torment the dream has been latent for Jews, never achieving expression, but also never forgotten. It has come to fruition only in these last 27 years. The reality may have sometimes appeared more of a bad dream than a good, but that also is the essence of our humanity. To Jews and Israel therefore I say — integrity is a struggle, may you have faith in that struggle. Be assured that I join with you in it.

Am Yisroel Chai!

Peter Gilbert,
Director of Christian-Jewish Dialogue Program of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches of Toronto.

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, April 15, 7,000 of Toronto Jewry congregated at Beth Tzedec to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, the 27th year of Israel's Independence.

As chairman of the Yom Ha'atzmaut Committee, Canadian Zionist Federation, I want to personally thank the entire community who came out to salute and identify themselves with Israel in a festive, joyous and orderly manner throughout the whole evening.

Although there was a cross section of all our people, we noted with great pleasure and pride, the turnout of families and young people who joined us for the celebration.

Ruth Leroy,
associate secretary,
Canadian Zionist Federation,
Central Region.
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

Your headline "Shriar Questions Necessity of New Schools" (April 18) is one which provokes an answer to his question.

As Mr. Shriar asks, why indeed should we bother training teachers in spite of half-empty public schools — unless we wish to transmit something to our children they will never receive in public school? Our rich and multi-faceted heritage needs the traditional framework of school and personal contact in order to be handed on to the next generation. Technology may replace the math teacher but never the teacher of Jewish values.

Thus the need for Jewish education is growing, not slackening off. The sense of impotence Sally Zerker observed in today's youth people would not have existed had the real and tangible goals of the Jewish way of life been made the substance of their education.

C. Cohen,
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

I read **The CJN** every week and one thing that strikes me is your lack of coverage of Jews in Arab countries. I would be most interested in finding out what is happening at present to the Jews in Arab lands. What news is there of the situation of Syrian Jews in particular?

Anne Salomon,
Bramalea.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

MUSIC BY GLICK

An Evening of Music by Canadian composer **Srul Irving Glick** is being presented by **Beth Tikvah Synagogue this Sunday**, May 25, at 8:30 p.m. The concert will feature Rabbi-Cantor **Herbert Feder**, pianist Dorothy Sandler **Glick**, the Chamber Players of Toronto, and the Beth Tikvah Choir conducted by the composer.

ISRAELI TABLE TENNIS TEAM

The Israeli table tennis team is coming to Toronto Tuesday, May 27. The team will play against the Canadian national squad at York University, according to **Herman Airst**, coaching chairman of the **Ontario Table** Tennis Association. **Actual play** will begin at 8 p.m. in the **main gym**, 4700 Keele St. Two of the **Canadians, Peter** Gonda and Steve **Feldstein, represented** Canada in the 1973 **Maccabean** Games in Israel. The **Israeli coach** is Boris Fima. Following the Toronto matches, the Israelis go on to Houston, Texas, to compete in the United States Open Championship.

ROLE OF DIASPORA JEWRY

The role of **Diaspora Jewry in Israel's Affairs** will be discussed at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation Mobilization for Tomorrow lecture series Wednesday, May 28. Speakers will be Max Goody, deputy national president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and Phillip Givens, Liberal MPP for York-Forest Hill. The moderator will be David Newman, vice-chairman, Congress Central Region. The time is 8:15 p.m. at the synagogue.

REHAB CONFERENCE

When the International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities and the Ontario Rehabilitation Workshop Council met in Toronto this past week, it was the largest group of rehab specialists to ever assemble in Canada. Co-chairman of the conference was ORWC president Milton Friedman, executive director of Metro Toronto's Jewish Vocational Service. Dr. Albert Rose, dean of social work at the University of Toronto, was the keynote speaker.

FOR ART LOVERS

More than 100 artists, mostly Canadian and some Israeli, will be displaying their work at Temple Har Zion's second annual art exhibition and sale set to open Saturday, May 31, at 8 p.m. The show continues through Sunday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Then later that evening, at 8 p.m., there will be an auction of separate works.

HIGH SCORE

Students from three Toronto Jewish high schools competed in the 1975 Junior Mathematics Contest sponsored by the University of Waterloo. In the lead was Beth Jacob, placing sixth out of 28 schools in its zone. The annual competition is open to all Canadian students in grades 9-11. Two Beth Jacob grade 11 students, Shoshana Marder and Esther Friedman, scored high enough to make the Canadian Honor Roll of the top one per cent of the contestants. Shoshana was also third in the individual standings in her zone. Top scorers are invited to a week-long seminar at the university at the end of the school year.

ANTI-SEMITISM TODAY

At a meeting of the Canadian Chapter of the Israel Medical Association on Monday, May 26, Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple will discuss **Anti-Semitism Today.** The time is 8:30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, Marlee Avenue.

CARD NIGHT

Wednesday, May 28, is the date of Karen-Or Group's annual card night taking place at 8 p.m. at North Toronto Memorial Gardens. The group raises funds for youth aliyah, an orphan's home in Haifa and several local causes as well.

CARNIVAL TIME

The Creative Living Centre is holding a carnival, complete with games, prizes and refreshments, on Sunday, May 25, from 1-4 p.m. at their centre, 4700 Bathurst St.

SINGLES SWINGLES DANCE

Beth Sholom Synagogue's Singles-Swingles group (ages 21-35) is having a Welcome to Summer dance Sunday, the 25th, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, featuring the Steve Spice Sound and Light Show.

ABOUT WORLD JEWRY

On Wednesday, May 28, the New Fraternal Jewish Association is presenting Alan Rose, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress in a discussion on **World Jewry Today — East and West.** The meeting is at 8:30 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Place, Downsview.

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for both the **What's New** and **About People** columns is Friday noon, a week prior to the issue date. (And Thursday is even better.)

...about people

Josephine Burson of Memphis, Tenn., with her family, was named 1975 American Mother of the Year. An active communal leader, she has been a national vice-president of Hadassah, president of the Memphis Jewish Community Relations Council and the first woman trustee of Memphis State University.

Chava Alberstein, Israel's top female vocalist, will be appearing in Toronto this Thursday, May 29. The four-time winner of the King David Award (Israel's Grammy) will be starring in a concert at Beth Tzedec Synagogue sponsored by the United Synagogue Day School Parents' Association. Famous for her rendition of **Loo Yehee,** the Yom Kippur War song, she has been currently appearing in a smash one-woman show in Israel called **The Platha.** The Toronto concert goes on at 8:30 p.m.

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Among the most sacred of Jewish occasions is the presentation of a Torah Scroll to a synagogue. And that is the way the **Henry Zagdanski** and **Sam Bojman** families are memorializing their parents and relatives who perished in the Holocaust. The two families are going to present a small Sefer Torah to Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue which will be used at junior congregation services. The ceremony will take place on Monday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. with both donors participating in the program, of course, along with **Barry and Ian Zagdanski, Rabbi Henry Hoschander, Cantor Harold Klein,** and Shaarei Shomayim president **Jeff Cohen.**

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Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. **Simcha Dinitz,** slated to be keynote speaker at the upcoming Canadian B'nai B'rith convention, will receive the organization's David Ben-Gurion Award. This is the second annual award given to "that person who represents to the greatest extent the traditional philosophy of Israel as the Jewish homeland, exemplified by the late premier." The ambassador will address the opening night session of the convention which runs from June 1-4 at the Nevele Country Club in Ellenville, N.Y. The Monday breakfast speaker, **Zev Furst,** director of the Anti-Defamation League's Middle East department, will discuss the Arab boycott.

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Intrigued by artist **Moshe Givati's** work, which she saw during a recent visit to New York, Toronto interior designer **Mira Kohn** decided that the Israeli artist should have a Toronto showing. So, on Sunday, June 1, she is having open house — the address is 87 Ames Circle, Don Mills — to display about 25 pieces of his work, predominately watercolors with some silk screens and lithographs. The 40-year-old multi-media artist is presently in New York and had his first one-man show there at the America-Israel Culture House last month. The Toronto show will run to the end of June. If you can't make it to Mrs. Kohn's home on Sunday (the hours are 1-5 p.m.), you can view the pictures any evening, by appointment. The number is 447-6102.

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The autobiographical drama **It All Ends Up In A Shopping Bag,** with author-actor **Paul Kligman** playing the role of his father Morris, is scheduled for a re-broadcast CBC **Tuesday Night,** May 27, at 8:03 p.m. and again on CBC-FM's **Encore** on Thursday, the 29th, at the same time. First aired more than a year ago, the story has just been published in book form.

Attractive vegetable serves as hors d'oeuvre

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

As Shavuoth is also **Hag habikurim** — the festival of first fruits — no table after the holiday would be complete without some fruit or vegetable dish, either fresh or cooked.

More often than not this requirement is met by a fresh, green salad, in which crisp lettuce leaves, cucumbers and green onions predominate. But on many Israeli tables, artichokes will be served as hors d'oeuvre.

Artichokes have become plentiful in Israel in recent years and the artichoke season is presently at its height. Israel has enjoyed quite a boom in artichoke growing, but has never experienced the gluts that cripple French agriculture from time to time, in the northern regions of France where artichokes have been cultivated for over 400 years. (These gluts have led to the unfortunate practice of "dumping".)

Artichokes are an unusually attractive vegetable with their long stalks and scalloped leaves, dull green at the tips and purple at the base. Choose succulent, fleshy ones with a closed, bud-like appearance. Avoid those with widely-splayed or stringy leaves.

In general, just the leafy section, or the heart alone is eaten, although the stalks, if not too woody, can be peeled, chopped, simmered and used as a filling for omelettes or added to casseroles. The commonest method of preparing artichokes is to boil them till tender — a pressure cooker is best for this protracted process.

The artichokes are eaten hot or cold. Each leaf is torn off and dipped in a piquant sauce, and the soft morsel at the base of the leaf is nibbled away. When the centre is reached, the hairy choke is detached and discarded and the diner can proceed to the succulent heart.

The artichoke season is presently at its height in Israel. They are served as hors d'oeuvre. (H. Gan-Zvi)

In another method, the leaves are trimmed off and the artichoke is pared down to its heart, which is then stuffed, and served hot as a garnish for roasts, or stewed in lemon juice and oil and served cold as an hors d'oeuvre.

However, as the heart is often less than two inches in diameter, this method has always seemed wasteful and time-consuming and has never commended itself to me. I find that the whole point of artichokes is the prolonged, leisurely nibbling and the anticipation of reaching the heart.

Artichokes have the added advantage of being ice-breakers at dinner parties too. It is hard to remain formal when fellow diners are eating with their fingers, depositing the leaves into communal bowls and getting gloriously sticky with sauce.

Incidentally, despite the cumbersome procedure of eating this vegetable, I have known no child, however young, who has not both enjoyed artichokes and handled them well. So artichokes can be served at family gatherings as well as sophisticated dinner parties.

Artichokes can be eaten hot or cold, although many think that the flavor is at its best when they are cold. The sauce can be as simple as bottled mayonnaise, but the sauces given below are tastier, more elegant and more appropriate.

BOILED ARTICHOKES

6 artichokes
1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 tblsp. vinegar
water for cooking
1 tsp. sugar

1. taking each artichoke in turn, cut off the stalk at the base and detach about 6 leaves, beginning at the base, as these outer leaves are very tough. Using a well-sharpened knife, cut off the tips of the leaves, slicing right through the upper section of the artichokes so they are cut down by about 1/4

2. blanch artichokes by placing in a bowl and pouring boiling water over them. Leave 2–3 minutes, then drain. Put artichokes into a saucepan and barely cover with water. Add vinegar, sugar and salt and cook until the outer leaves soften. This may take anywhere between 1–2 hours, depending on the size and age of the vegetables

3. remove from cooking liquid and serve hot or cold on individual plates, handing sauce separately. Serves 6

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SAUCE FOR HOT ARTICHOKES

6 tblsp. butter or margarine
3 tblsp. lemon juice
2 tblsp. cooking liquid from artichokes
salt and freshly-ground black pepper
1/2 tsp. ground oregano

1. melt butter, add lemon juice, cooking liquid, salt and pepper

2. stir in oregano and remove from heat. Serve bubbling hot with hot artichokes

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VINAIGRETTE SAUCE FOR COLD ARTICHOKES

2 tsp. sugar
6 tblsp. oil (pref. olive oil)
3 tblsp. white vinegar
2 tblsp. cooking liquid from artichokes
salt and freshly-ground black pepper
pinch chopped rosemary (optional)
1 tsp. mayonnaise

1. mix mayonnaise into oil, then add vinegar and cooking liquid, and whip till completely smooth

2. add salt, pepper, sugar and rosemary, if desired, and adjust flavoring to taste. Serve with cold artichokes

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Chag Sameach!

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Two Righteous Gentiles to be awarded medals

TORONTO —

The Toronto Jewish Community will honor the families of two Righteous Gentiles presently residing in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Johan Ubbink of St. Catharines and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dijk and their daughter Mrs. Frauke Dekker of Cambridge were among the few Gentiles who displayed unusual bravery and humanity during the period of the Holocaust. They risked their lives to save Jews in Holland during the Nazi occupation.

Consul-General of Israel Shmuel Ovnat will present the Medal of the Just on behalf of Israel to these families at a public meeting at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. on Tues., May 27th at 8 p.m.

A short program, highlighted by Professor Emil L. Fackenheim, will express to these families the esteem and appreciation of the Jewish people of Ontario. J. Tjaardstra, consul-general of the Netherlands will attend.

The meeting is co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region and the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.

Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda will present a short musical program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Toronto students top Bible contest

TORONTO —

A group of Toronto students won most of the prizes in the national bible contest held in Montreal recently.

Winners in the advanced Hebrew division (day schools Grades 9 and up) were: first — Bernard Shuchat, Or Chaim; second — Rosy Feiner, Associated; third — Ziporah Shekel, Associated; fourth — Leah Witty, Eitz Chaim.

Winners of the advanced Hebrew division (day schools, Grades 6 to 8) were: first — Raisy Hendler, Eitz Chaim; second — Sarah Wolfe, Eitz Chaim; third — Rhona Levin, Bialik; tied for fourth — Raizy Turin, Eitz Chaim; Itzchak Gold, Solomon Schechter of Montreal.

First-place winners will be entitled to represent Canada in the International Youth Bible Contest in Jerusalem in 1976.

The National Finals are co-sponsored by the Toronto Board of Jewish Education and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

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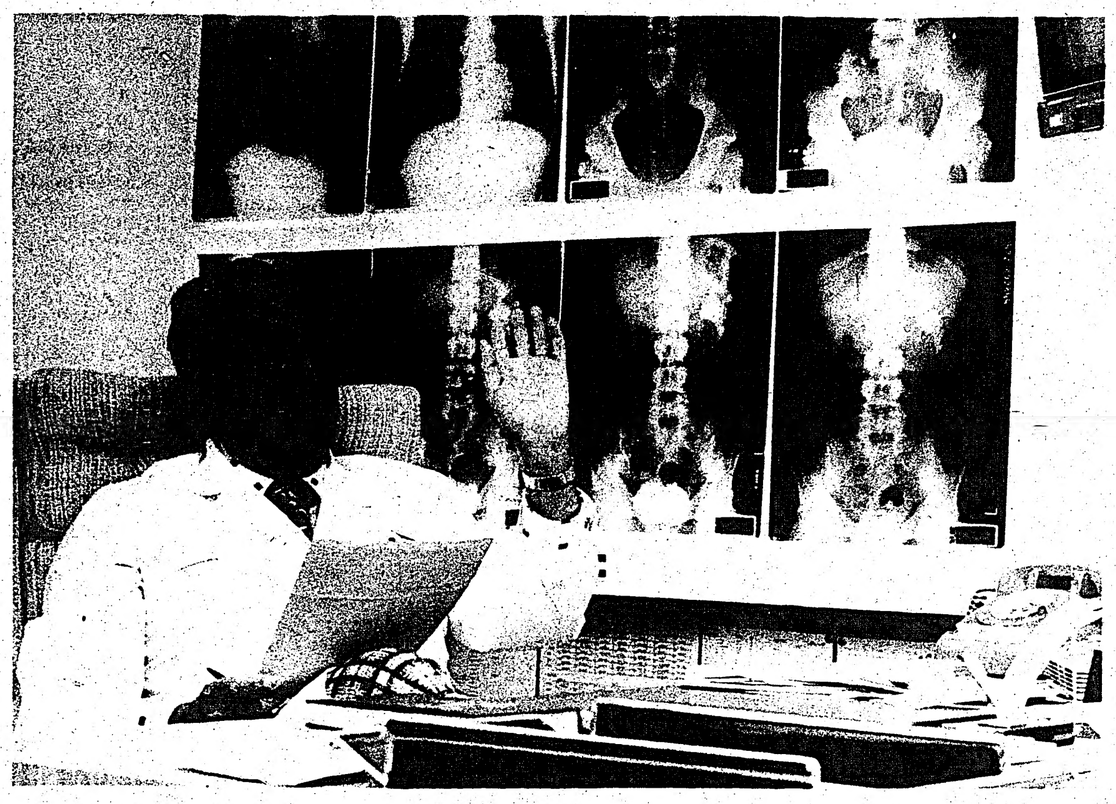

Montreal-born Dr. Bernard Jack Shapiro has been radiologist-in-chief of Mount Sinai Hospital and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care for the last 25 years. He recently became a Fellow of the American College of Radiology in tribute to his work. (Gadi Hoz photo)

Mount Sinai radiologist

His department has blossomed

By Wanda L. Wintrobe

TORONTO —

"I'm the most easily accessible guy in the hospital," confessed Dr. Bernard Jack Shapiro, FRCP(C), FACR, fully cognizant of his busy schedule.

Dr. Shapiro is radiologist-in-chief of Mount Sinai Hospital and radiologist-in-chief of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. These dual responsibilities have been his since he was 35-years-old. He is now 55.

The accomplished doctor is secretary of both the Medical Advisory Council of Mount Sinai Hospital and the Joint Conference Committee. He is also a member of both committees at the Baycrest.

He is delightful man — completely unpretentious, friendly and informal. During our interview, the jovial doctor wore his white hospital garb, prominently sporting a gold mezuzah around his neck.

For over the past 20 years Dr. Shapiro has been involved in three major areas: medical research, hospital administration and service to the Jewish community.

On April 1, 1975, Dr. Shapiro became a Fellow of the American College of Radiology. The degree was awarded for his contribution to organized medicine, the teaching of radiology and in appreciation of the eight publications on radiology literature he has written.

The Montreal-born doctor received a Bachelor of Science degree from McGill University in 1941 and his MDCM in 1943. His first three years of medical practise were spent with the Canadian Army Medical Corps. In 1946, he returned to Montreal and began post graduate studies.

With pride, Dr. Shapiro recalled that during the late 40's he and Dr. David Berger, his chief, established the first isotope laboratory in Montreal, at the Jewish General Hospital. "At that time only thyroid function studies were done," he explained.

Because Dr. Shapiro chose to complete residence training in both internal medicine and radiology, he did not conclude specialization until 1950. This pattern of meticulous study became an important characteristic in the development of his career and in the shaping of his private life.

In 1951, at the age of 31, Bernard Shapiro became radiologist-in-chief of Westminster hospital, London, Ontario, with 1,500 active beds and 700 chronic beds. He also joined the staff of the University of Western Ontario as professor of medicine. Later, the university recognized him as an associate professor.

In 1955, Dr. Shapiro was asked, by the board of directors of Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, to succeed Dr. David Eisen as radiologist-in-chief and to direct correct radiology procedures at Baycrest.

"The greatest challenge in my career has been to reorganize the department of radiology at Mount Sinai from a small community-type hospital to a large teaching centre. My greatest satisfaction is seeing this come to fruition from a one-man department with a volume of approximately 12,000 examinations per year to 84,000 annual examinations, with a staff of seven full-time radiologists, including subspecialists in nuclear medicine, diagnostic ultrasound, vascular radiology, neuroradiology, mamography etc.," Dr. Shapiro said.

In recent years, because of his other commitments, Dr. Shapiro has handled only administrative work for Baycrest. "I always ask someone very compassionate to go up there. The patients are older and slower. A knowledge of Yiddish is helpful," he said.

Dr. Shapiro has been on the University of Toronto teaching staff since 1965 and is now an associate professor of medicine. He has served on many committees of the Canadian Association of Radiologists and has been instrumental in helping to organize the section of nuclear medicine of the Ontario Medical Association. Five years ago, he became a charter member of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine.

Presently, Dr. Shapiro is the co-ordinator for the division of nuclear medicine of the department of radiology, University of Toronto. He is in charge of resident teaching programs in this field for the Toronto teaching hospitals.

Dr. Shapiro and his wife, Pearl, who have been married 32 years, keep a traditional Jewish home. They not only observe a formal Shabbat and weekly Friday night services but they always travel with a pair of portable candlesticks. Saturday mornings, the doctor attends Chevra Torah and a two-hour study session on the Parasha of the week.

Dr. Shapiro is past president of Temple Sinai (1967-68) and of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations (1968-70). He is now serving as honorary president of this organization.

With such home inspiration, it is not surprising that the Shapiro's only son, Mark, has chosen to become a rabbi. He is completing his third year at Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati.

The doctor's future aspiration? To become a grandfather!

ORT sets up youth group

TORONTO —

A new answer to youth's common cry of "But what can we do to repair the world's ills" may be springing up across Canada. It is an organization called COYF — Canadian ORT Youth Fellowship, whose structure and activities reflect the ideas and group initiative of the youngsters who are joining its ranks.

"To neglect the needs of our own Jewish youth," says Harriet Morton, national co-chairman of COYF, "is to neglect the Jewish present and future needs. Our Jewish youth are part of the Jewish people in general — no matter where they are. The strength of the Jewish people lies in uniting our adults and young people spiritually, monetarily and physically. Separation of any of these is separating the Jewish people."

Sponsored by ORT — the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, COYF follows the broad objectives of that organization — to be of service to the immediate community, to Israel, and to the world at large. COYF identifies with the general concept and spirit of ORT — of training young people across the globe, of getting them involved in groups, and giving them something constructive to work with. Since its recent establishment in October last year, COYF has already attracted close to 150 members in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, and a group is presently being organized in Hamilton.

There are advisors' groups in each area whose members, aged 18 to 25, play a leadership role, supervising projects on a regional and national level.

Future plans, according to COYF national director Chaim Shtir, include a membership training and work project in Israel this summer; community involvement including, for example, contributing time and work to orphanages, old age and convalescent homes, Miles for Millions; a library project for one of the ORT schools in Teheran or Bombay (books are already being gathered for this purpose); in Montreal, a play to be staged at the YMHA as an educational undertaking and for the purpose of fund-raising.

The national co-chairmen of COYF are Harriet Morton of Toronto and Howard Shulkin of Montreal. In Toronto, the regional chairmen are Michael Glazer and Ruth Axler, with David Gurofsky acting as Toronto director.

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Arts

Alexander Tumanov makes his breakthrough on Canadian scene with concerts, CBC shows

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Several noteworthy Russian Jewish musicians are now making their homes here in Toronto. Among them is the former baritone soloist of the Moscow Madrigal Ensemble, Dr. Alexander Tumanov, who is now initiating the recommencement of a distinguished musical career through means of both concert appearances and a CBC taping session.

Born in Kharkov, but living in Moscow following an honors degree at the Gneisny music school there, Dr. Tumanov became a teacher of solo singing and of vocal ensemble at the Ippolitor-Ivanov music college. However, despite his brilliant musical achievements, he felt the daily pains of anti-Semitism affect his career. He never could obtain a university professorship, because he was Jewish.

Not only that, his Jewishness also adversely affected his performing career. Although he was de facto leader and soloist of the Madrigal Ensemble, his official title was only that of acting conductor, and the group never performed beyond the Iron Curtain despite numerous invitations from the West. When the regular conductor left, the ensemble members asked that Dr. Tumanov succeed him in his post. But the director of the Moscow Philharmonia Society rejected Dr. Tumanov solely on the grounds that he was Jewish.

His son also experienced crude anti-Semitism at school, and Dr. Tumanov knew that it would be extremely difficult for him to enter Moscow University. Coupled with the lack of not only political freedom, but also artistic freedom (the Russian authorities, who strongly frown upon modern music, squelched, for five years, a recording of his popularly successful Leningrad performance of Schoenberg's **Serenade**), he and his family decided to leave the Soviet Union. Quitting his post before submitting his application for a visa, Alexander Tumanov and his family, after three months of the normal difficulties, were finally granted permission to leave.

Believing that the small population of Israel (and resulting small commercial market) would restrict his professional possibilities as a serious concert singer who in Moscow had specialized in Renaissance and Baroque music, Dr. Tumanov chose Canada in which to settle because he believed Canada to be a young country with great expansionary potential. As a music journalist in the Soviet Union, he had met the Canadian singer Lois Marshall, who had been a great success there and who gave him fruitful contacts in Toronto.

Opera singer Dr. Alexander Tumanov

When he came here, Dr. Tumanov auditioned for the Canadian Opera Company and other classical music companies, who were all greatly impressed but had already drawn up their programs and budgets for the current season. But the prospect of future performances with these ensembles by Dr. Tumanov remains bright.

An important breakthrough for Alexander Tumanov in the Canadian serious music scene took place on May 13, when he taped a CBC radio program which will be aired June 6 at 9:00 p.m. on the AM dial (in Toronto, CBL 740; in Montreal, CBM, 940). On this program, he performs Russian songs by Moussorgsky and Dargomyzhsky. He also performed live at Holy Blossom Temple on April 26, and will be making another live performance in what promises to be a most interesting concert June 4 (also featuring Cantor Misha Alexandrovich, the great Russian-born lyric tenor) at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. His fondest desire is to form a vocal baroque ensemble here in Toronto as he had in Moscow, and, if one can gauge the cultural climate here, this dream is not at all improbable.

He has now opened the Canadian Studio of Voice Training, and, in addition, will be teaching at a Slavic workshop at the University of Toronto over the summer (he is also a trained philologist by profession). Certainly, Dr. Alexander Tumanov is bound to make a distinguished contribution to Toronto musical life in the near future.

Comedian received his training in Borscht Belt summer camps

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

"The greatest training ground for a fledgling comedian are the Jewish summer camps" says Benjamin Gordon with a smile, which I suspect emanates from sweet memories of nights he gave his all over the footlights of Winnebago.

The new cast member of Second City's **Alterations While U-Wait** speaks of the "Borscht Belt of summer camps" with such admiration that he begins to sound like the advertisements at the back of **The New York Times** magazine section.

He adds to the paean, "The plus factor for Jewish kids at camp is the production of the Broadway shows."

Though Benjamin, whose name used to be Bruce at Forest Hill Collegiate, never turned toward the beckoning lights of Broadway after his graduation from Boston University in 1973, he got his first professional job upon his return to Toronto in a CBC show whose name might have been borrowed from a Meredith Willson musical. **The Music Machine** clunked into oblivion, but soon after Benjamin joined forces with his cousin and former camp buddy, Alan Gordon, and Jack Newman to form a writing-performing team called The Comedy Crisis.

"It was representational of comedy here in Canada" says Benjamin. "The three of us only got together to get a job on the TV show **Anything Goes.** Suddenly, we were a group and when the show was cancelled, we were an act with no place to go."

They tried. Harbour Front and The Stephen Leacock Festival were on their summer agenda but after providing some material for **Shh, It's the News!** the group disbanded.

Benjamin immediately jumped into the CTV series **The Funny Farm** as a performer and shortly thereafter began to write the show, too. "In it's second month on the air, it was one of the top variety shows in the country." Ruefully, I had to admit I'd never seen it and was told it was the Canadian version of **Hee Haw.**

"On TV. I enjoy writing comedy better than performing it," he said. The stage is obviously a different matter for the tall, sandy-haired comedian. "Second City develops certain skills such as improvisations which gives you a chance to use your imagination. I wanted to take advantage of it."

Benjamin Gordon

Gordon described The Second City type of humor as a cross section between the structural Wayne and Shuster comedy (which develops in the summer camps) to the conceptual Monte Python type with a frantic core. He clearly leans toward the latter as he tells of a recent zany improvisation he and the cast loved, in which they all became pieces of pastry being dominated by a Black Forest Cake.

Like all born comedians, Benjamin Gordon is very serious when talking about comedy, but life...

"The greatest house I ever played was my bar mitzvah. Five hundred adoring fans. Ten years later, I played the same house — Holy Blossom Temple — for my wedding. Two hundred and fifty adoring fans and 250 of Karen's family." (Karen being his new bride, the former Karen Breslin.)

"It was my type of wedding" he says happily. "The organist didn't show up, and everyone was in a near panic. Rabbi Plaut warmed up the house for 10 minutes before we got started."

Benjamin took care of the rest of the routine by giving a toast to the bridesmaids later which shocked the bride's side of the family to near departure.

"I was a typical groom," he says innocently.

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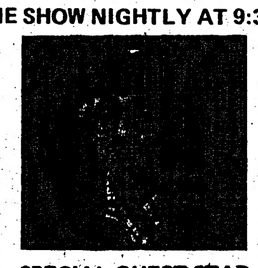
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'Minds, not walls, are what is needed'

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Academy for Jewish Studies Without Walls came to Canada last week. Unlike many educational institutions, it doesn't need or want a building fund. What this unique correspondence program does want, according to its director, Yehuda Rosenman, are minds.

It has a lot of good ones already — faculty from prestigious Jewish and secular universities in the United States and Israel and 500 students, over half of whom are college graduates

But it wants more. As Rosenman pointed out, "There is a dangerously growing gap between the high level of secular education and the lack of Jewish knowledge that you often find, especially among the most gifted and most sophisticated of our people."

The 70 guests invited by the Central Region of Congress to the meeting at the Inn on the Park learned how, with the aid of a postage stamp, anyone, anywhere can study Jewish history, literature and thought under the direction of faculty like Arthur Hyman of Yeshiva University or Samuel Sandmel of Hebrew Union College.

Participants may study individually or in groups; they may begin at any time, and, providing they complete the work of the course in 12 months, they receive credit from the University of Haifa.

Rosenman, who is director of the Jewish communal affairs department of the American Jewish Committee, explained that it is not a snap course. "It is a university level program — very disciplined, very well-organized, sequential. It is an opportunity for the student to challenge himself."

Some idea of the intellectual challenge involved came from Michael Wyschogrod, professor of philosophy at Baruch College, City University of New York and designer of the course on Judaism and Christianity. He outlined the required reading, ranging through American Bible scholar G.F. Moore, Martin Buber, and Leo Baeck, and the written assignments.

The questions are tough. For example, in the final unit students are asked to discuss whether or not Christians must missionize in order to be truly Christian. Wyschogrod stressed the fact that there is no right answer. "The student is presented with the data and is asked questions which demand that he think for himself."

The most popular course this year, according to Rosenman, is one in Biblical thought. Also available are courses on Talmudic, medieval and modern Jewish thought, Chassidism, and two Jewish history courses covering the Soviet Union and the American experience.

Rosenman has a dream, "a dream of this Jewish university without walls becoming an international university, where tens of thousands of Jews and non-Jews around the world will study, almost everything that they wish about Jewish life, Jewish religion, Jewish ideas and Jewish history."

And here, the Canadian Jewish Congress has put Canadian content into the dream. Its office at 150 Beverley St. in Toronto provides whatever walls are needed to hold catalogues and registration forms for the Academy Without Walls. Yehuda Rosenman is hoping that there are a lot of Canadians who will add their own postage stamps.

Women urged to become more visible in shuls in order to achieve equality

By Rosalyne Federman

TORONTO —

"It is probably not a question of whether women will be fully accepted in individual congregations, it is probably a question of when. The when may be a long time from now — it is something that is coming."

So says Edya Arzt, in town for the spring conference of the Ontario Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, held at Congregation Beth Am recently.

Women have to become more visible in the congregation to achieve equality, she says. Women have been given more privileges in the services, but the final authority is the rabbi of each synagogue, she explains. Issues have to be carefully researched and discussed.

"A woman who wants equality does not say, 'I'll resign.' She says, 'if you don't give it to me, I'll stay and think, work and teach and try and convince you that I'm right, and I'll look for alternatives'."

Many men will agree intellectually with women's equality but not emotionally. Women can express themselves in many ways. Mrs. Arzt's daughter puts on teffilin in the morning. That's her way of expressing herself. Edya Arzt, energetic and dynamic consultant speaker and education director of Women's League, does not hesitate about letting her views made known. Take the matter of women being counted in minyans. Very few congregations do.

To the ones who disapprove Mrs. Arzt says, "If you can't bear to count a woman in the morning minyan, then be sure there are nine other men with you when you come to daven, then it makes no difference whether we're counted or not, but it makes a difference to us."

In her opinion, there are certain situations where women are counted. At an unveiling, where there usually is not a minyan, the rabbi to himself, will consider the women present as part of it. A way of easing into it could be at a late Friday evening service. The rabbis could be encouraged to count women, as technically the real time to daven is sundown and the 8:30 time is a "manufactured" service. If it began at this service it would become easier to let it spill over to a Shabbat service.

Mrs. Arzt is vitally interested in an action program, but "action without solid knowledge behind it, is wasted action." From the conference, the women should take back to their sisterhoods not the answers but a direction and the knowledge, that big or small they are not alone. Even the start of a book discussion group is positive action.

Herself a mother of four, Mrs. Arzt realizes that the mothers of today are not the same as the mothers of years ago. Young people moving into new areas are bringing a lot of differences, not necessarily negative differences, and sisterhoods have got to adapt.

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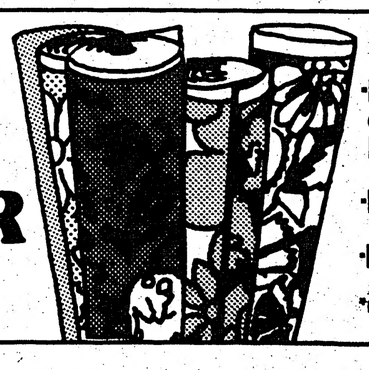

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MONTICELLO, N.Y. — The Sullivan County Catskill vacation area is fast becoming a cultural center.

One year ago, Sullivan Festival '74 was born, a dream of many people from the famed vacation area, with no one certain how a new, summer-long arts festival would turn out. The dream included philharmonic concerts, film classics, dramatic presentations, art shows and country fairs.

Over 20,000 persons turned out for the events, held at the magnificent new campus of Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, a lakeside village among picturesque hills.

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Sullivan Festival '75 will get underway on Sunday, July 5, with an arts and crafts fair co-sponsored by the college and the Catskill Art Society, with displays of leathercraft, pottery and jewelry, plus demonstrations of weaving, candle making and other crafts.

The Hudson Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, which in one appearance last summer drew over 1,000 people, will appear for two Sunday night concerts in 1975, on July 6 and August 17. Also appearing in concert on Sunday will be the Sullivan Symphonic Band (July 13, 20 and 27) and the Jacobsen Family Singers (August 3).

Wednesdays will be devoted to drama, with programs including a one-man performance of Edgar Allen Poe, **A condition of Shadow.** Wednesday-afternoon matinees will be staged for children, though adults will doubtless enjoy the performances as well, which will include appearances by the Be Gay Puppets, the Storybook Opera and a show entitled **Mask, Mime and Magic.**

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, there will be films for adults, with Tuesdays devoted to films reflecting history and Thursdays a series of additional classics. Children's films will be seen in a Tuesday afternoon series, with classics including **The Prince and the Pauper** and **Robin Hood.**

Special events will play a big part in Sullivan Festival '75. In addition to the July 5 arts and crafts fair, an International Dance Festival will be held July 25-27, an American Kennel Club "Fun Match" on July 13, a philatelic show on July 20, and the Catskill Country Fair, which attracted an enormous turnout last summer when it was first held.

In addition to all the festival fare, visitors to the Sullivan County Catskills will have the opportunity to take arts and crafts courses offered by the Catskill Art Society.

Israel Government Tourist Office presents state of Israel medals to leadership of the Zionist Organization of Canada at their last executive meeting. Medals were awarded to ZOC Executive Vice-President Dr. George Liban (right) and convention chairman Max Goody (left) by Amnon Gil-Ad, director of the tourist office. ZOC recently held its 41st national convention in Israel. (Israel Gov't Tourist Office photo)

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Instead of the fire and brimstone that rained down in Biblical times, visitors today find year-round sunshine and enjoy the remedial benefits of modern-day miracle treatments together with the latest in luxury accommodations.

Jacob Adler, the 34 year old scion of an Israel hotel family and one of the pioneer developers of the Dead Sea area is the owner-manager of the Galei Zohar Hotel. He explains the fascination of the visitors with the hot mineral springs and the Dead Sea as follows:

"First there are those that are genuinely ill. They believe the waters and the treatments and the climate help them get well." He adds, "When you have seen as many get better as I have, you cannot remain a skeptic. You yourself begin to believe."

Adler also notes that a large number of middle-aged women come to the spas because of the reputed rejuvenating qualities. "I hear them comparing second husbands," he says with a grin, "and if they think the water will help them, whom am I to argue."

There must be something to the stories. Hotels on the Dead Sea have the highest occupancy rate in Israel. There are already three hotels in the area with a total of 450 rooms and a hotel with an additional 220 rooms is slated to open shortly.

The ancients called the Dead Sea the "Lake of Asphalt" because of the quantities of asphalt found by the shore, and King Herod, reflecting Roman influence frequented these waters.

It was Herod who built the fortress at Masada, 1,500 ft. above the Dead Sea shore. Then, as today, the Dead Sea shore could have been a weekend watering place for his land-locked followers living in Jerusalem, but in Herod's day this meant a whole day's ride through the rock-strewn Judean wilderness. Today, the Dead Sea is a mere 30-minute drive from Jerusalem, along a scenic highway that easily navigates the 3,000 foot descent from the heights of Jerusalem to the lowest spot on earth.

The Dead Sea resorts — the health spa established near the Zohar Hot Springs, the sea and natural springs at Ein Bokek and Ein Gedi — are a haven of healing for persons affected by a variety of muscular and rheumatic ailments, by skin and traumatic diseases, and also for those suffering from allergies, especially those related to upper respiratory illnesses.

Aside from the natural attractions of the area and the curative powers of the thermal springs, the Dead Sea offers a unique climate.

The average temperature ranges from 86 to 106 degrees between September and April. The humidity level never goes above 48%, and is usually between 35 and 45%. There are no foggy days, few clouds and no rain to speak of.

Ongoing medical research, conducted by skin specialists, has shown that the Dead Sea area offerings of frequent salt baths, prolonged direct exposure to sunlight, opportunities for relaxation and the especially dry, high air-pressure conditions, are excellent for the treatment of psoriasis.

Europeans by the hundreds, particularly Scandinavians whose year-round damp, cold weather is totally lacking in the good climate Israelis take for granted, can be found soaking up the health giving sun by the hour. The hotels are bustling centres of activity and have a revolutionary effect on the area.

How does the Ein Bokek Hotel Manager, Jacob Adler feel with all these people having a good time so close to the location of the Biblical towns of Sodom and Gomorrah?

"Well, I for one would be against ever allowing gambling in this area," he says.

When it comes to the future of the Dead Sea area, Jacob Adler and the others in Israel who are connected with the development of the desert, have taken a lesson from the legend of Lot. Her memorial is a tall salt and sand landmark that can be seen for miles. They know when not to look back.

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Harris chides community for attitude

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Alan Rose, national executive director of CJC, said Congress has earned a positive image in the Montreal Black community for having intervened on behalf of several hundred Haitian exiles refusing to return to the "fascist Duvalier regime.

"But this didn't make us popular with the federal government," said Rose, who emphasized that Congress' position was morally right and therefore absolutely valid.

On a related subject, immigration, Harris said CJC and JIAS are now in the midst of preparing a joint submission to Ottawa on the undesirability of a racist immigration policy.

Harris attacked Buddy Hackett's "Salute to Israel" concert, held in April at O'Keefe Centre and sponsored by Israel Bonds. He stressed that "Jewish participation in that kind of programming can't be justified." Hackett had been criticized for his washroom humor and his tasteless sexual antics. "I'm pleased to hear that many subscribers walked out," he continued. "I don't mean to criticize George Cohon, who brought him here. Cohon didn't realize the kind of show he'd put on. There is a time and a place for off-color stories."

Expressing concern over the expected participation of the PLO at a United Nations crime conference here in the autumn, Harris assured newsmen that a number of plans have already been implemented to "make life unpleasant for them; to make them know they're not welcome here."

Ticking off the prime achievements of Congress during the last year, Harris revealed that a national budgeting conference is now operational. The objective of the conference, he said, is to ensure that communities across Canada, rather than only Montreal and Toronto, contribute to CJC coffers on an equitable basis.

Harris said the merger issue has reached a new stage of development, with regional and national executive meetings slated for late May and mid-June to resolve the matter.

He said Congress has rejuvenated its staff by hiring six young staffers, the oldest of whom is 28. Harris said it is part of the plan to ease in a new generation of Jewish civil servants into the executive ranks of CJC.

An active religious affairs committee on interreligious affairs has been created, he said, and among the successes it has had has been in persuading the Canadian Council of Churches not to provide baptismal certificates to travellers going to the Middle East.

He said youth activity has been reorganized, and denied funds had been cut off from the Canadian Union of Jewish Students for political reasons.

Rose, referring to Quebec's controversial Bill 22, said CJC opposes it because it is coercive, grossly undemocratic and discriminatory. "It would strike hard at small Jewish businessmen," he warned. But Rose made it clear that he believes the French Canadians have legitimate national aspirations and that French should have priority over English. "We want to swim in a French sea but we don't want to drown in it," he quipped.

New merger plan is debated

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Central Region Council of those members of UJWF board of directors and appointees of agencies not now on the Council. This group would become the Contituent Assembly of TJC;

— appointment by Constituent Assembly on recommendation of UJWF president and CJC Central Region Chairman of Constitution Committee to prepare a revised constitution of Central Region to tie in with proposed organization, and new constitution for Toronto Jewish Congress;

— While the Constitution Committee is deliberating, UJWF and Congress will proceed as at present, but with co-operation on the program and staff level as necessary;

— Constituent Assembly will be called to consider new TJC constitution and will immediately thereafter hold elections based upon that constitution.

According to the Satok proposals, Toronto members of the Regional Council would be ultimately representative of agencies, organizations and individuals and elected for a term not to exceed three years. These Toronto members would elect the executive committee (approximately 75 people) of the TJC. This group would elect officers.

Satok released a chart showing which activities would come exclusively under the TJC, and which would fall under the aegis of Regional Congress. In addition, there are a number of programs which will be shared by the two.

Referring to this, the Satok document says coordination between the executive directors of the TJC and the Central Region "is absolutely essential." The TJC executive director through his staff would control and be responsible for the administration of all books and accounts of both the Central Region and the TJC.

Regarding Central Region activities, one change would be a requirement that the executive be made up of approximately 70% of members from Toronto and 30% of members from the Region outside Toronto. In addition, one out of every five meetings would be held in the Region outside of Toronto.

There may be a number of amendments to these proposals before they get final approval from the various levels of Congress and the Welfare Fund.

Exchanging greetings with Israeli soldiers on the Syrian frontier near Kuneitra are Mrs. Herb Green (left), leaders of the first women's division, Israel Bond mission to Israel, and Mrs. Bunny Diamond. She was member of mission which spent two weeks of intensive study and touring throughout the country. (Bonds)

Kibbutzim plan to raise monkeys for commerce

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT —

The constantly growing world shortage of monkeys for research laboratories, which has already held up some important Israeli immunological and pharmacological studies, will apparently lead to the development of a new branch in the economy of several kibbutzim — the raising of simians on a commercial basis.

Such a scheme has been in the air since the early '70s when Israel's National Council for Research and Development sponsored a feasibility study. But it was rejected three years ago because it was still cheaper at that time to import monkey from countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa, where they only had to be trapped, than to raise them in capativity.

However, the cost of monkeys on the world market has significantly increased in the interval and, more important, they are not always readily available even for buyers willing to pay current prices. At the same time, a number of kibbutzim have succeeded, without fanfare or official sponsorship, in raising such animals on a modest scale.

Local collective settlements originally brought in monkeys for their special educational farms, where kibbutz children cultivate crops and raise animals on their own with a minimum of adult supervision. Most of the simians adjusted well to kibbutz life, and in some cases even multiplied.

Thus it was natural for Israel scientists to view the kibbutzniks as potential partners in a scheme to raise these animals on a larger scale for local laboratories and perhaps eventually for export. Initial plans call for creation of several pilot centres, from the relatively cool Galilee to the sometimes very hot Negev. Their first inhabitants will be rhesus, vervet and squirrel monkeys, the progeny of which, if all goes well, will be available for marketing in 1978.

It will be a long time before the kibbutzim can produce enough monkeys to meet the requirements of local laboratories (currently about 500 animals a year), let alone have a surplus to sell overseas. But if the scheme proves successful, it will be of great benefit to research scientists here as well as a welcome source of income for the kibbutzim, particularly since kibbutz children will do most of the routine work that does not involve physical contact with the animals.

However, there is still some opposition to be overcome at the settlements themselves. One kibbutz teacher, for example, is concerned with the possibility that raising the animals will create educational problems. "It is well known that many monkeys in captivity spend a great deal of time masturbating. "How", he asked me in great bewilderment, "am I going to explain that to my first graders?"

Woman member!

NEW YORK [JCNS] —

Opposition to her membership having either evaporated or been outmanoeuvered, Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first woman rabbi in America, has become the first woman member of the New York Board of Rabbis. Considerable opposition had been gathering within the Orthodox sector of the Board's membership against Miss Priesand, a Reform rabbi, who is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She is also associate rabbi of the Stephen S. Wise Free Synagogue in Manhattan.

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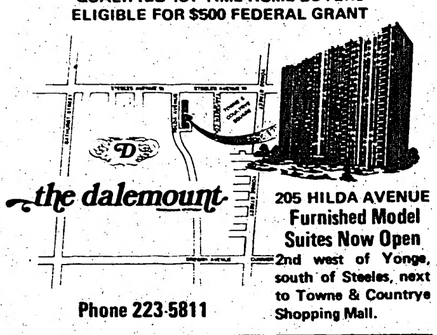

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USYers convention is lively

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

Things are beginning to get back to normal in Barrie, Ont., after scores of USYers gathered there last week for the annual regional convention of the Eastern Canadian Region (ECRUSY).

Delegates from all parts of southern Ontario and Montreal began arriving at the Continental Inn early Friday morning, and proceedings soon got under way as delegates were called to a plenary session for the purpose of electing a new regional executive. Hartley Cohen was elected president, along with several other able administrators who will face the task of running the entire region during the coming year.

As the sun set Friday afternoon, preparations were made for the Sabbath. Shabbat services and the Friday night meal were livened up by joyful singing and dancing, thanks mostly to the Bnai Israel Beth David chapter, who won the Ruach (spirit) award the following night for their efforts.

Following dinner and Oneg Shabbat, all returned to their rooms and continued their Oneg Shabbat to the small hours of the morning, much to the dismay of the advisors, charged with walking their beat up and down the halls and making sure that everyone was in their rooms.

After services, breakfast, additional services and lunch Saturday morning, the participants were given free time to rest (especially those who had persisted in staying up all night) or go for a dip in the pool. Late Saturday afternoon, Mark Goldberg, outgoing regional president, made his final presidential address to the delegates, who showed their appreciation for the work he and the entire outgoing executive had done by standing and cheering, as they did several times throughout the weekend.

After Shabbat, at the awards dinner, the new executive was installed, and presentations were made to individuals and chapters for special efforts and unique programing. A hot rivalry surfaced quickly between a BIBDY (Beth David) — JUSY (Beth Emeth) coalition and the Beth Tzedec chapter, BTUSY. All chapters won several awards, and Beth Tzedec was chosen the best chapter of the past year.

Entertainment later that night (from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.) included a dance and a movie.

Saturday night very quickly became Sunday morning, and delegates again gathered for services. During prayers, a phone call was made to a Soviet Jew, and following discussion between the "Refusenik" named Janet, and Rabbi Yaacov Rone of London, who had met Janet on a previous visit to the USSR, the 200 delegates sang **Hatikva** and **Am Yisrael Chai** via a special telephone hookup.

Students of United Synagogue Day School in Toronto take part in Shavuoth Bikkurim ceremony. Classes were assigned to represent one of 12 tribes of Israel. They prepared costumes, flags, decorations and floats to represent symbols of tribes. School presented baskets of fruit to hospitals. (Groskind)

'We have never felt so isolated,' Rivlin declares

By CYNTHIA RUBIN

MONTREAL — Never in its history has Israel felt so isolated and in such dire need of unity and strength, declared out-going Israel Consul General in New York, David Rivlin, at the annual dinner of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

It was a farewell address by Rivlin, who had previously served as consul general in Montreal. He is due to take up a new appointment at the embassy in Norway.

Speaking to some 350 members of the Friends of Bar-Ilan, Rivlin underlined the "oneness and unity" of the Jewish people in the Diaspora and in Israel.

This had always been true, but now it was truer than ever before.

The consul general emphasized the importance of the moral and economic support of North American Jewry, "without which the struggle for survival might be insurmountable."

Referring to the 30th anniversary of World War II, Rivlin commented on the lessons of that period.

The most painful, he said, was "our own complacency and disbelief in the 20's and early 30's during the rise of Nazism and even during the war itself."

David Rivlin

Turning to the present situation, he warned that the "coming weeks and months will be critical." The Jewish people, however, will not allow a new Munich to happen to Israel.

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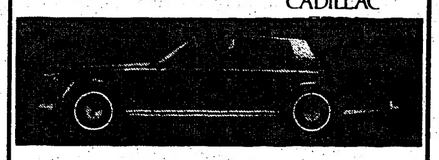

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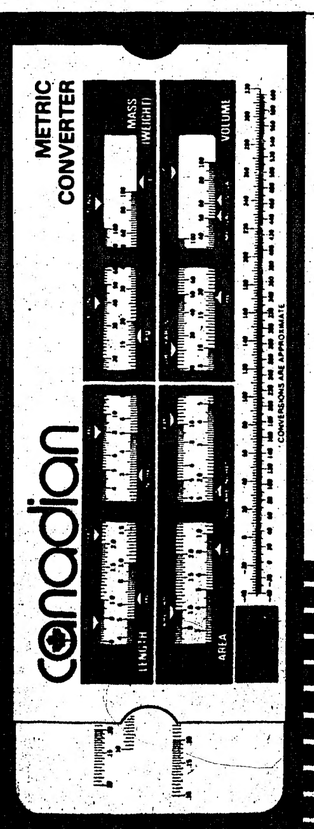

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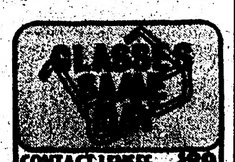

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